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SHOOT! view!

THE temporary feud between Malcolm Allison and Joe Corrigan over the Manchester City goalkeeper's criticism of the Maine Road manager on Piccadilly Radio calls into question a footballer's right to freedom of expression.

The facts behind the Corrigan affair are worth examining. Manchester City suspended their goalkeeper and club captain for two weeks for speaking out of turn and then re-instated him after he apologised for the outburst. However, Corrigan still faced a fine of two weeks pay.

Under the terms of Corrigan's contract, comments to the Press, radio or television without the club's permission exposed him to disciplinary action.

So Corrigan was wrong to publicly criticise his manager.

Imagine how Corrigan felt then a few days before when Malcolm Allison said that he was considering dropping his goalkeeper for the match against Aston Villa.

Allison criticised Corrigan's form in the opening games of the season and said that Keith MacRae, City's reserve team goalkeeper, had played impressively.

If Allison can make public pronouncements in a critical manner about his players, should not the player have the right to hit back?

PFA Secretary Cliff Lloyd believes that living in a free society one should be able to express views, particularly in reply to things said by people in higher authority in a club.

While Manchester City justifiably may argue that few employers would tolerate a member of staff criticising the club in public, there are grounds for believing that in this instance Corrigan was provoked.

Joe Corrigan's loyalty to Manchester City has never before been in question. He joined the club as an amateur in 1966 and the following January became a professional.

Since then he has given the club 100 per cent commitment, a manager's dream. For the past two seasons he has been elected "Player of the Year".

Many strikers who played against City last season were extravagant in their praise for a goalkeeper who foiled their efforts time after time.

Most fans who stood on the terraces at Maine Road and travelled away with the club last season will tell you that Corrigan saved City from relegation — and possibly saved Allison his job.

Now he has erred by criticising his boss. Those who know Corrigan well as player and man will sympathise with him in his plight.

When men are driven to despair they often act out of character. Malcolm Allison should know that as much as anyone in the turbulent world of professional soccer.

Corrigan should be forgiven, not castigated.

The BIG MATCH LEEDS v SPURS

When Leeds United entertain Spurs at Elland Road on Saturday (September 13th), the midfield battle will be between two of the League's most popular imports . . . Argentinians Alex Sabella and Osvaldo Ardiles. Both are similar in their ability to dictate play and control the pattern of the game; both are also a delight to watch. We spoke to both players about the match . . . and each other . . .



ALEX Sabella thought for a moment. "We met twice in the Metropolitan League at home. On the second occasion I came on as sub for River Plate. I've always thought Osvaldo was a great player, even with Huracan. His talent was evident years ago . . ."

While we must be thankful to Sheffield United manager Harry Haslam for bringing Sabella to England, his talents were out of place in the lower Divisions. His close control, intricate footwork and superb passing deserved a wider stage. Now, with Leeds

United (albeit a disappointing Leeds United) more fans can be thrilled by the talented Sabella.

He is, naturally, looking forward to Saturday's clash. And with respect to Ardiles' 'amigo' and team-mate Ricardo Villa . . . the main interest is the Ardiles/Sabella duel.

"I was flabbergasted when Osvaldo and Ricardo signed for Spurs. If an Argentine went abroad it was to a Spanish or Italian club. A move to England had never been considered.

"I can't say their transfers had any bearing on my decision to go to Sheffield United. I got a good deal financially and that's why I accepted. I didn't speak to either before I came here.

"Osvaldo would have been successful wherever he went, he's such a good player. In English football, he stands out for his mobility . . . he makes space so well and is always free to receive the ball, be it in defence or attack.

"We're not really close friends, although I have got to know him better since we moved to the same foreign League. We speak occasionally on the phone,



ALEX Sabella has the potential to become a world-class player. I firmly believe that — certainly, I don't say so just because he comes from Argentina! Playing for Leeds United in the English First Division will give him the opportunity to develop and become an international player.

Putting your mind right is the hardest thing for a foreign player in England. You can settle down well in this country, but if you're not mentally adjusted you will take those problems on to the field.

Alex had some problems at Sheffield. He had good friends and enjoyed living in England, but he was not happy with playing in the Third Division. He liked his team-mates — not the football, so things were not right in his mind.

Leeds are a big club with much history and a good crowd. Alex will be much happier there than he was at Sheffield and he should benefit from this.

Ricardo Villa tackles Trevor Cherry, with Osvaldo Ardiles in support, on the last occasion that Spurs were at Elland Road.

He can become a player everyone wants to see, just as much as any other foreign player in England. He can make just as big an impact as myself or anyone else.

Alex is a fine attacking player. I played against him perhaps twice when we were with teams in Argentina, and I remember his skill with the ball.

Everyone in Argentina felt he would become a very good player, but at that stage, he came to England and had to play in the Third Division. It must have been very frustrating for him. Now he is at Leeds, he can benefit from playing with better players.

He must find the correct mental approach and become used to running a lot and working so much. Ricky Villa and myself have had to do this at Tottenham. You must run as much as the other team and then rely on your skill to win the game.

Ricky and I soon realised you cannot survive in English football on just your skill. We used to play more positional football without running but we soon learned it was not possible.

Alex could be an international footballer. First he must prove he can be outstanding in the English First Division. He is a very skilful player and reads a game well, too. Now he must work hard at the defensive aspect of his game for in that department, he is not so strong.

He is very good at creating chances, but it is not so easy to learn how to defend. He has to train his mind defensively — I had to do that. It was my natural game to go forward.

I was not good at first, in a

usually to ask him a favour as he's in the centre of things in London. The last time we chatted Osvaldo agreed that Leeds United represented a good move for me.

"I turned down the chance to join Sunderland last season because I wanted to sign for a First, not a Second Division club, as they were then. Nothing against Division Two, but I wanted to be in the shop window, as it were.

"I wanted to be in the top Division for the rest of my time in England, but I was beginning to

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ARDILES

think that after Sheffield United I'd move on to Spain. The prospect of joining a London club appealed to me, although Leeds, being so close to Sheffield, suited me fine. My wife won't have to buy another house.

"I feel proud that Osvaldo has done so well, not just as a player, but as a person. He's a perfect ambassador for Argentina. I've been asked if he's the best player in the League. It's difficult to answer bearing in mind there is no Beckenbauer or Pele . . . Cruyff or Maradona.

"No one is absolutely outstanding, head and shoulders above the rest, although there are a lot of very good ones. I certainly put Osvaldo in the top ten in this country; also Ricardo for his technical qualities.

"Others I would mention are Keegan, of course, Souness, McDermott, Brooking, Devonshire and from this season's opponents, Copley of Aston Villa.

"I realise the spotlight will be on Osvaldo and I on Saturday, but I don't think he or I can be any more influential than our team-mates in gaining victory."



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defensive sense. I have improved through hard work, and thinking about defensive situations . . . where I must be, what I must do. Even if I shall never be the strongest tackler in the team, I can be useful by getting into the right position to defend.

A lot will depend on how Leeds do in the League. I know they have some problems with the manager; he is under pressure. The players will be under pressure, too, so it is not the best situation to play in.

How good is Alex? It is hard to say. I think, people in England try to liken us Argentinians, saying Marangoni, Sabella, Ardiles, Villa . . . we are all the same.

But that is not true. We are all different players with different strengths and weaknesses. If Alex settles down, he can make a big impact — on Leeds and all the First Division.

EUROPEAN CUP

Linfield v Nantes; Aberdeen v Austria Vienna; OPS Oulu v Liverpool; CSKA Sofia v Nottingham Forest; Real Madrid v Limerick.

EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP

Celtic v Politechnia Timisoara; Castilla v West Ham; Hibernian v Waterford; Newport v Crusaders.

UEFA CUP

Porto v Dundalk; Manchester United v Widzew Lodz; PSV v Wolves; Slask Wroclaw v Dundee United; Ballymena v Vorwaerts Frankfurt; Elfsborg v St. Mirren; Ipswich Town v Aris Salonika.

THE first rounds of the Euro Cups are rarely inspiring. Seeding means most of the strong teams face unfancied opposition, although Liverpool will hardly be complaining after being drawn against Nottingham Forest and Dynamo Tbilisi in the last two years!

The Champions will welcome the first-ever trip to Finland to break themselves in gently after what virtually amounts to two years with little experience of the Euro scene.

The Merseysiders are generally slow starters, so OPS Oulu are the ideal opponents for Liverpool.

Forest have a tricky journey to Bulgaria to play CSKA Sofia. Despite the slow start in the League, Forest will no doubt rise to the occasion as they have over the past two seasons. They're becoming the masters of smothering the opposition away from home, losing just one away tie (to Ajax) in their double European Cup triumph.

Austria Vienna (or, to give them their sponsored title) Austria Memphis, supply the nucleus of the Austrian national team and Aberdeen could certainly have had easier First Round opponents.

Their danger man is striker Schachner, who netted 34 goals last season.

Easy for Liverpool... tougher for Forest

Last season, the club were knocked out of Europe by Denmark's BK Velje, although perhaps their League goal-difference of 84-39 in 36 games is a truer indication of their power.

Aberdeen are a well-organised side, however, and may win through, even if only on away-goals.

The two Irish clubs will need to be at their best and more to reach the Second Round. Limerick won't be complaining about meeting mighty Real Madrid, though, while

French Champions Nantes are also attractive visitors to Belfast where they'll take on Linfield.

Celtic have already played two Euro ties this season. After thrashing the Hungarians of Diosgyor, they have a second trip behind the Iron Curtain to meet Rumania's Politechnia Timisoara. It's hard to assess the little-known Ruma-

early-season injuries and their attacking style has, understandably, been blunted. Spurred on by another huge Old Trafford crowd, though, United should advance to Round Two.

The most attractive tie is surely that between PSV and Wolves. Teddy Maybank speaks about this tie overleaf, but in terms of excite-

nians, but the way Celtic demolished Diosgyor indicates that they mean business this season.

West Ham will have to improve on their League form if they're to beat fellow Second Division club Castilla of Spain. Castilla are Real Madrid's nursery club and their manager is confident The Hammers can be beaten (see article opposite). West Ham have always been more suited to Cup football rather than the slog of the League and a full house at Upton Park in

Celtic (left, hoops) have the experience to do well in the Cup-Winners' Cup, while Ipswich's Eric Gates (right) could be a key figure in his club's U.E.F.A. Cup tie with Aris Salonika.



the return tie may just see them through.

Newport's first Euro tie gives them a great chance of being in the Second Round draw. Irish club Crusaders are stubborn, but beatable opponents. Who would have thought a few years ago when the Welsh club faced bankruptcy that they'd kick-off the 80's in Europe?

Waterford have a nice trip to Malta, where their biggest obstacle will probably be the notoriously bad pitches on the Mediterranean island.

It must have been a Manchester City fan who remarked: "United have no chance in Poland — look at all their strikers!" Back in Europe, where they belong, United won't be too disappointed at drawing Widzew Lodz; if nothing else, the hooligan minority that has so often disgraced the club won't have easy access to Poland.

The Reds have been plagued by

ment, the two clashes should be memorable. The Eindhoven club have a few Dutch internationals, notably the van der Kerkhof twins, while Wolves have, in Gray and Richards, one of England's deadliest strike forces.

Portman Road has seen some fine Euro ties in recent seasons and while Aris Salonika aren't one of the Continent's big names, our correspondent in Greece assures us they're a good side whose strength is in attack. Aris beat Perugia 3-0 in Italy last season; Ipswich, however, look set for a good season at home and abroad.

St Mirren will be confident they can overcome the Swedes of Elfsborg, although Dundee United's task against Poland's Slask Wroclaw is more difficult.

Ireland's representatives must visit Portugal and East Germany, rarely happy hunting grounds for opponents.



British stars face Liverpool

WITH the Northern Finnish town of Oulu already at fever pitch over the game with Liverpool next week, two former British players based there hope their performances will get them back to the Football League.

Keith Armstrong, 23, and Hugh Smith, 22, are both playing for the Finnish side in the European Cup match on September 17 in Oulu.

"We are out to do well and hope it gives us the chance of getting back to a club at home," says Keith, a former Sunderland player.

If not, the two players may well be heading back to Hong Kong where they played for four months last year for a sponsored professional team.

Armstrong signed as a pro with Sunderland in January '75, stayed with the club for four years and was later given a free transfer to Workington. The search for success led him to Hong Kong and from there to Finland.

Smith, after leaving school in '75, joined Hearts and later Airdrie, but again injury sent him to Hong Kong where he joined up with Armstrong.

At the time both players saw the chance for overseas travel, but are ready to return to British soccer.

"We have nothing against the Oulu club or Finland — quite the reverse — we are very well looked after," says Hugh.

As the Oulu side is an amateur one, the players can't receive direct cash payments, although their accommodation, food and other necessities are all found.

This will be the first time that Liverpool — in 17 consecutive seasons in Europe — have visited Finland.

All stand tickets for the Liverpool game are already sold. Club officials confidently expect a gate of 10,000. "We are out to win," says chairman of the Oulu club board, local architect Matti Heikkinen.



OF ALL the Euro ties, perhaps the most intriguing is the clash between West Ham and Castilla, Real Madrid's nursery side. It is surely the first time two Second Division clubs have met in Europe and while we know all about The Hammers' Cup-fighting traditions, Castilla manager Juanjo is confident his side can make a good account of themselves.

"I know they've got Brooking, Bonds, Parkes and Devonshire. I know they beat us hands-down on international experience. I know they actually won the F.A. Cup whereas we only qualified as beaten Finalists in the Spanish Cup. I know West Ham are going to start as red-hot favourites to beat us.

"But let's face it, they finished seventh in the Second Division, exactly the same as us. As I see it, if they're in the Second Division

it's because they don't deserve to be in the First. They can't be a top-quality side, and that's giving me and the lads a lot of encouragement..."

Brave words from 34-year-old Juanjo as Real Madrid's nursery side limber up for the Cup-Winners' Cup clash with The Hammers.

Castilla hit the record books with a sensational run to last term's Spanish Cup Final (where they lost 6-1 to parent side Real Madrid) and Real now become the first club ever to have two teams in European competitions.

"Last year's success was double-edged," says Juanjo, "because the club decided to promote five of my best youngsters to Real's first team. We've brought new youngsters in to take their places, and our average age this term is just under 20.

"But I've lost my goalkeeper, two defenders, a midfielder and a striker, so I've had to try and build a new team in two months.

"For most of our youngsters the trip to London for the second-leg will be their first taste of international football, so obviously West Ham have the edge on European experience.

"They've also got star players, whereas we've only got lads who are trying to make the grade in professional soccer.

"Logically, there's no way we're going to win. But last season we produced great performances against First Division sides like Hercules, Bilbao, Gijon and Real Sociedad, and we proved that enthusiasm and attacking football can beat the best."

"I've been a fan of the Hammers ever since the days of Bobby Moore and Martin Peters, and I

'My lads can beat Hammers'

— CASTILLA BOSS

Castilla captain Jose Manuel Castro.



admit I winced when their name came out of the hat along with us. But I was at Wembley for the Charity Shield game against Liverpool, and I wouldn't say that they're unbeatable.

"We should have a fabulous atmosphere in the Santiago Bernabeu stadium — probably not the 112,000 capacity but 60,000 or 70,000, and that should give us quite an advantage. I'm pleased for the lads that their European 'baptism' will be in front of their own fans, as they could have been a bit overawed to begin with a trip to Upton Park."

ENGLAND TOP EURO TABLE

WITH European football back in the headlines, SHOOT's statistical expert took a detailed look at the history of the three competitions since they took their present form back in 1966 (that's when the UEFA Cup took over from the old Fairs Cup).

Our expert classified the results country by country, giving one point for each team that qualified for the Quarter-Finals.

Surprisingly, England emerged as joint-leaders with West Germany, with the Germans piling up a massive 11 points against England's six during the last two seasons.

And just look how Scotland's performance sadly tailed off during the 1970's, although their sixth position is more than creditable.

Anyway, have a look at the figures yourself:

Country	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	TOTAL
1 England	5	2	2	4	4	6	3	4	2	1	2	3	2	4	2	46
West Germany	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	4	4	4	3	2	5	6		46
3 Spain	5	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	3	3	1	3		30
4 Italy	1	3	3	2	3	1	4	2	1	1	1	2	1	1		27
5 Holland	1	1	2	3	2	2	1	3	2	1	3					22
6 Scotland	2	3	2	3	1	1	2	1	1			1			1	19
East Germany	1	1			2	2	1	1	2			2	2	2	1	19
8 Yugoslavia	1	2	1		1	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	2		18



Nottingham Forest's double success in the European Cup has helped England top the Euro table.

TEDDY'S HAPPY GOING DUTCH

PSV Eindhoven manager Thijs Librets is repeating details of his tactical talk in English, and explaining how new Dutch regulations mean that each player now has a fixed number for the whole season, and that he'll be wearing Number Three. Teddy Maybank laughs. "I could set a record as England's highest-scoring Number Three!" Seemingly at home and relaxed in a star-studded PSV squad that contains seven Dutch internationals, the ex-Chelsea, Fulham and Brighton striker talked to SHOOT about the surprise move that took him from Third Division football with Fulham to dreams of U.E.F.A. Cup success with PSV.

SHOOT: How exactly did the transfer come about?

MAYBANK: Just chance really. The PSV coach went to Bristol to watch Tom Ritchie, but I didn't play too badly in that game and they seemed to switch their attention to me.

SHOOT: Why do you think they wanted you?

MAYBANK: I've no idea really! No, obviously every footballer thinks he's a good player — otherwise he wouldn't be in the game. But it's strange the way they picked me. I imagine they needed to buy somebody pretty quickly, I impressed them, and I was available.

SHOOT: Do they see you as a typical bustling English centre-forward?

MAYBANK: No, I don't think so. In fact the manager has told me that's what they *don't* want! The game is so much more tactical over here. And a lot slower. Almost chessboard stuff. The first game I played I must have run offside about nine times in the first ten minutes! You know, you're expecting the sort of through balls you get in England so you begin your run — then the ball doesn't come and you're caught. It's amazing how quickly you get used to it though. Unfortunately I haven't been able to play in every game. First I got flu, then I was injured against Barcelona. It's annoying to say the least, because I want to get stuck in!

'Well-Organised'

SHOOT: Going back to the transfer itself, did you jump at the chance or did you need time to think it over?

MAYBANK: Well, I didn't have a lot of time! I went out on the Tuesday and they wanted a decision before the U.E.F.A. Cup registrations deadline on the Friday. But it looked such a well-organised club and the stadium's great... and just look at the players they've got here. The Van der Kerkhof twins, Brandts, Stevens, Poortvliet... you don't really have to think twice before joining a club like that, do you? They've given me a contract for two seasons, though obviously I'd like to stay longer.

SHOOT: How profitable is the move for you?

MAYBANK: Well, of course I wouldn't have come out here if it wasn't going to be profitable, but it isn't really the cash I'm looking for. OK, I'd like financial security, but the thing is that here I can add 150 per cent to my game. I can run and jump and batter into people, now I have a golden opportunity to improve on the



technical side. Here the technique is, I feel, superior to England at the moment. Their instant control in tight situations is superb, and I'm keen to learn. Even if I don't do too well with PSV the experience will have been important and I'm totally convinced that I will emerge a far better player. There's no doubt that Holland is one of the best footballing countries in the world, and I'm delighted to have the chance to pick up some of their skills. You only have to look at their recent World Cup record for proof of that.

SHOOT: Do you think you'll now be a bigger name in England?

MAYBANK: I don't mind to be honest. At the moment it's here that I want to make my name. I don't suppose I'll get much Press coverage back in England anyway.

SHOOT: How have the Dutch Press welcomed you?

MAYBANK: Well, the club 'presented' me to the Press when I arrived, and my match ratings seem to have been good. But to be honest, it's a relief not to be able to understand what they write in the papers! That way I don't get worried or big-headed!

SHOOT: How much of a language problem have you got with PSV?

MAYBANK: Very little really. Practically everybody speaks good English, and the only trouble I have is when the boss talks very quickly in our pre-match tactical talks. Even then, he explains afterwards, as you've just seen. I did a bit of German at school, so I'm hoping it won't take me too long to pick up Dutch.

SHOOT: So what are your immediate ambitions with PSV?

MAYBANK: Well, I feel we should be in at the kill in the Dutch League. From what I've seen, we have a good team, and our passing is first-class. I'd say PSV are the best passing team I've

ever seen. My personal aim is to be a first-team regular and to do well. I think my main rival is a striker called Paul Postuma, who's really good. But the boss has played us both up till now.

SHOOT: Can PSV do anything in the U.E.F.A. Cup?

MAYBANK: Well, we'll see. We've got Wolves in the First Round, and I'm hoping to be fit in time for that game. They can be sure of a capacity crowd at Molineux because all my family and friends will be there! I saw Wolves' opening League game at Brighton, and they looked a good side even though Gray and Richards had a quiet afternoon. Mind you, I reckon Brighton's back four is really strong. You won't see a better partnership than Steve Foster and Mark Lawrenson. No, I think the U.E.F.A. tie against Wolves will depend on who strikes form on the night. We can beat almost anybody at home, I feel. So a lot will depend on how we perform at Molineux.

SHOOT: Tell us about your new life in Eindhoven.

MAYBANK: Well, by the time this is published I should have found somewhere to live. Up till now things have been so hectic that I just haven't had the time! The town is nice — very pretty, with lots of parks and so on. The population is about 300,000 I think, and they tell me one person in every four or five works for



Rene Van der Kerkhof

Philips! I think I'm going to be happy here, and I certainly wouldn't have liked the hustle and bustle of Amsterdam for example. This'll make me grow up, I think. Being on your own obviously does. It might sound funny coming from a 24-year-old, but it'll make me grow up mentally, 'cos it's much more of a profession out here. I'm not running England down, because I love it and I love the football and I think it's the best in the world — but technically and professionally I think the Dutch take the game just a fraction more seriously than we do. There are a lot of things I've noticed out here that are definitely that little bit more professional. Maybe it's because everything is new, but life out here with PSV looks very good indeed. I mean, a few weeks ago, there I was ready for the Third Division with Fulham, and now here we are talking about the U.E.F.A. Cup and things like that. Amazing isn't it!

'THE NO-GOAL ROW'

TO speak or not to speak... that is the controversial question that has hit the headlines of the sports papers yet again this season.

The subject arises after Rangers' 2-1 victory over Celtic at Parkhead recently and our opponents thought they had a perfectly good goal ruled out by referee Eddie Pringle.

It may not be widely known in England, but Scottish referees are not allowed to talk to the Press to explain decisions that may not be too clear at the time.

Celtic might feel they suffered on this occasion when a shot from Murdo Macleod swept into the net, but it was clearly shown later on television that Frank McGarvey, on the six-yard line, was offside.

Now the question is raised about whether or not he was interfering with play. I must say I think it is difficult for a player NOT to interfere with play in such a position.

I don't want to dwell too much on that one particular decision but I must say that such decisions hit



every team now and again.

I recall the 'Old Firm' League Cup Final three seasons ago when we had a 'goal' chalked off against Celtic which left us a little more than mystified.

A ball was cut over from the bye-line and was promptly slammed into the Celtic net. It looked good enough but the referee ruled it out, and I still don't know why.

Some onlookers thought one of our players was in an offside position and others thought the ball had gone over the line before being cut across the penalty-area.

The way things stand at the moment we will never know why that particular 'score' was nullified.

If the gag was raised on referees would it be a good thing?

Alex Miller



I suppose the fans, the lifeblood of the game, have a right to know as well as players and managers.

But it must be said that referees have a difficult enough job as it stands at the moment. Could they put up with an after match grilling following a tough, hectic 90 minutes in front of a capacity crowd?

I certainly wouldn't envy them that task if it ever came into being!

There must be a solution, though. Possibly a prepared statement after the game read to the Press by a liaison officer could help clear up some matters. It might not be the entire solution to an often thorny subject, but it might go some way to solving some of the mysteries.

Getting back to our 2-1 success at Parkhead, it was good to get a victory at the home of our old rivals.

Jinx Fixture

We hadn't won a Premier Division game there in six seasons and it was beginning to be built up as a bit of a jinx fixture for us.

I don't believe in such things, but I suppose it can nag away at the back of your mind the longer these runs go on. Anyway, that's that so-called hoodoo nipped in the bud.

Our winning goal that afternoon was scored by Alex Miller in the last minute and it was marvellous to see such an under-rated player getting praise at long last.

Alex first-timed a throw-in from Willie Johnston from about 25 yards and the 'keeper didn't stand a chance as it tore into the net.

One sports writer might have been a bit unkind when he suggested the shot might have landed in the Clyde rather than Celtic's net!

Unfortunately, at the time of writing I do not know how Scotland got on against Sweden in Stockholm on Wednesday, September 10. But I hope we had a victorious start to our latest World Cup campaign. I've got my fingers crossed anyway!

Derek Johnstone

**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**



Referee Eddie Pringle comes under fire after disallowing Celtic's effort in the recent 'Old Firm' game.

NOBBY

I HEAR YOU'RE NOT PLAYING TODAY, NOBBY



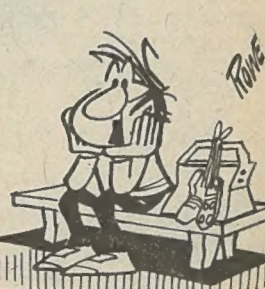
CERTAINLY NOT! NOT AFTER WHAT THE MANAGER SAID TO ME!



WHY, WHAT ON EARTH DID HE SAY?



YOU'RE DROPPED!





NICE BACK, shame about the faces. Liverpool's supremo Bob Paisley (illustrated left) and Kenny Dalglish will enjoy the enthusiasm of super fan Ray Morris but will be none too happy with a tattooist's portraiture. The needle job cost Ray £170. His wife, Ann, reckons its the "best back" Liverpool have ever had.

Shaw's debt to Withe

GARY Shaw, Aston Villa's exciting teenage discovery, is indebted to new signing Peter Withe for his thrilling early season form.

Three goals in four games — on each occasion the winner — gave the 19-year-old Villa striker a memorable start to the new season. But rather than accept the tributes for the progress he is making in his second full season for the First Division club, Shaw prefers to praise Withe.

"Peter has made a tremendous difference, and is especially help-

ing my game," says Shaw. "He is such an experienced player, he knows just where to run, when to lay off balls, or when to hold up play so we can create openings."

Shaw burst on the scene less than a year ago, and in 32 appearances last season scored 12 goals.



Facts by the million

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GUISBOROUGH Town, who reached the F.A. Vase Final at Wembley last season, soon realised they faced tougher competition after resigning from the Northern Alliance. The Cleveland team lost 4-1 at home to Belper in their first Midland League game.

COWDENBEATH manager Paddy Wilson has stepped up a Division to become coach of Raith Rovers under manager Willie Wallace. Pat Stanton has succeeded Wilson at Central Park.

SHEFFIELD Wednesday idol Terry Curran is 'Singing The Blues'. Terry is best known for making sweet music down Wednesday's right wing, but now he has chosen to exercise his tonsils by recording the club's famous battle song. One thousand copies have been pressed and the record will be on sale shortly.



NEWS DESK

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BILL DAY



ONE-TIME Northern Ireland Youth, Amateur and Inter-League defender **John Hill** could soon become a **World Cup** player — with **New Zealand**.

The former Glentoran star, who emigrated some years back, is figuring in New Zealand's build-up to their vital World Cup preliminary ties against Australia, Indonesia and Fiji.

DUNDEE manager Donald Mackay, following a dismal start to the season — one point from three games and not a goal scored — turned the clock back for the League Cup tie against Angus neighbours Arbroath by bringing in 32-year-old reserve coach Jocky Scott.

The move paid off, for Scott inspired his team-mates to a 2-0 victory at Dens Park in the first leg of the tie. It now looks likely that Scott will figure in Mackay's first-team plans until Dundee find a consistent goal-scoring touch.

World Cup star boosts Hereford

TWO players with vastly different international credentials are hoping to make their mark in Fourth Division football with Hereford United this season.

Adam Musial, aged 30, has been capped 34 times by Poland and

Sean Lane, 16, has represented England school-boys on five occasions.

Three months ago Musial was playing for Polish First Division club Arka Gdynia and Lane was still a pupil at St Mary's School, Lugwardine, near Hereford.

But they became team-mates on the opening day of the new season when they both made their Football League debuts in a Fourth Division match against Tranmere Rovers at Edgar Street.

Mature

Musial gave a polished performance at left-back and Lane won full marks for an equally mature display in midfield.

Musial played in the Polish team when they beat Brazil to claim third place in the 1974 World Cup and in the two qual-

ifying games, at Katowice and Wembley, when they eliminated England.

Lane joined Hereford as an apprentice last month and made his first team debut in a League Cup match against Newport County.



Adam Musial



Sean Lane

Keegan aids schools

HEINZ are offering up to £1,000,000 in sports and recreational equipment free to Britain's schools in a scheme aimed at easing pressure on budgets for extra-curricular activities.

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Cochrane in trouble

MIDDLESBROUGH manager John Neal and Northern Ireland international forward Terry Cochrane have been at loggerheads. Neal fined the winger when he missed the annual photo-call, rapped him for his dress, and claimed he was not "match fit" for the opening game with Manchester United.

Cochrane hit back at the criticism thus: "The manager paid a lot of money for me, but now I am getting the cold shoulder. It is like buying an expensive chair and not sitting in it."

The former Burnley winger, signed for £238,000 two years ago, would welcome a clean break.



BRANDON United shared in the F.A. Cup spotlight last season when they fought their way through to a First Round tie with Bradford. The glory soon faded when the ambitious Durham County club were refused admission to the Drybroughs Northern League. When the Northern Amateur League finally offered a vacancy, the Cup heroes had drifted on to Northern League clubs.

Manager John Heaviside says, "We hope to fight our way back to the top."

John Deehan's nightmare



WEST BROMWICH Albion's England B striker John Deehan is determined to end the nightmare which he has endured since his £400,000 transfer to The Hawthorns from Aston Villa last season.

Deehan says: "It has been the worst spell of my career. A bit of penalty area zest deserted me last season. I went through the sort of lean spell that every striker suffers. But mine carried on far too long."

"I felt I had let my team-mates down because they had a right to expect me to score goals and very few came along. I was lucky in as much the fans were kind to me. Now it's about time I started proving why Albion bought me."

"Goalscoring is all a question of confidence. Once you get a couple under your belt they start to go in regularly."

Briefly...

● **STEVE MURRAY, 34**, the former Celtic midfielder player, is the new manager of Forfar Athletic. He succeeds Archie Knox who has moved to Aberdeen as assistant manager.

Murray was forced by injury to give up the game while with Celtic but last season attempted a come-back with Dundee United for whom he made five first team appearances.

● **THE boots worn by West Ham's Ray Stewart** in last season's F.A. Cup Final could help save the life of a 12-year-old girl in his home village of Stanley, Perthshire. Ray has put the boots up for auction to help an appeal for the girl, who has a heart condition.

● **POPULAR** Luton midfielder star Lilly Fucillo is on the comeback trail. The victim of two broken legs in the last two seasons has been scoring goals in the reserves and should soon be challenging for a place in Luton's promotion-chasing Second Division team.

● **COVENTRY City**, the club with big fund raising ideas, are giving their 120 vice presidents the chance of becoming founder members of the Sky Blues' new £1¼m sports complex at their Ryton training headquarters — at a cost of £1,000 each.

The new complex, which is still being built, will have facilities for squash, badminton, indoor tennis, basketball and five-a-side football. It's due to open in November.

● **TOTTENHAM'S** striker Steve Archibald is to send Aberdeen boss Alex Ferguson a bottle of whisky. Thoughtful Steve presented Clyde boss Craig Brown with a bottle of Scotch, and a box of chocolates for Craig's wife, when he left Shawfield for Aberdeen. Now, he plans the same gesture for Alex.

● **BRISTOL City** are well-known as being among the most progressive football clubs when it comes to commercial and off-field ventures... they even have soccer's only indoor bowling rink underneath their new stand.

● **BOBBY KERR**, the former Queen of the South player, has been appointed manager of St Cuthbert's Wanderers, the South of Scotland League side.

RICHARD O'Kelly has battled his way through to Walsall's first team and in the process he has shown a great deal of personal courage.

Over the past three years he has twice been very ill but on each occasion he has recovered to resume playing soccer.

Twelve months ago he was signed for £7,000 from non-League Alvechurch but it was only at the start of the season that he managed to get into the Walsall first team.

Player-manager Alan Buckley said: "Richard is a very promising young player and he has done exceptionally well in the opening games. I'm looking to him to maintain this progress."

WEST IN THE SHADOWS

LUTON midfielder Alan West, one of the finest long passers in the English League, has found his plans and hopes have backfired a little for the new season.

Last summer he took a close-season holiday away from football for the first time in five years. He hoped the prolonged break with no trip to play in the American League would leave him fresh and raring to go when the kick-off came round.

But when Luton reported back 28-year-old Alan found a strong midfield challenge for his place from Yugoslavian international Raddy Antic — and started the season on the substitute's bench.

RADDY PULLS PINTS

FORMER Arsenal, West Ham and Blackburn Rovers centre-forward John Radford has now started life as a publican at the Greyhound in Thaxted, Essex.

Still only 33, John packed up top class football 12 months ago. He said: "I've been running the pub for almost a year now and I really enjoy it, but it is very hard work for both me and my Dutch wife Engel" (pictured on their wedding day).



Tony Evans wants to stay

TONY EVANS is hoping that he can convince Birmingham boss Jim Smith to take him off the transfer list and give him the chance to score the goals Birmingham will need in the First Division.

Evans was a £120,000 signing from Cardiff a year ago, but injury and poor form meant no place in the team which won promotion last season and Smith announced he was ready to listen to offers for Evans.

But the striker says: "I've just sold my house in Wales and have settled in the Midlands. This is where I want to play my football — here at Birmingham."

"I was patient for a long time last season because the team was doing well and I knew there was no way the boss could change things."

"But I hope it might be different now. I hope to get a chance. If, after a few games, I hadn't done the business then I'd have nothing to complain about."

FOLLOWING the call-up of Ipswich defender Terry Butcher to the full England squad, Portman Road team-mate Paul Mariner reckons that it won't be long before Russell Osman joins them.

Says Paul: "Russell and Terry go so well together I can't see anyone else coming through to touch them. Russell is quick and reads the game well, while Terry is a tremendous competitor who lets few get past him. It won't be long before they are in the England side."



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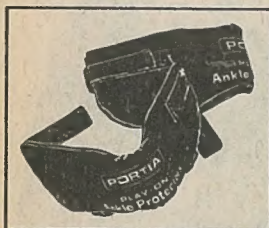


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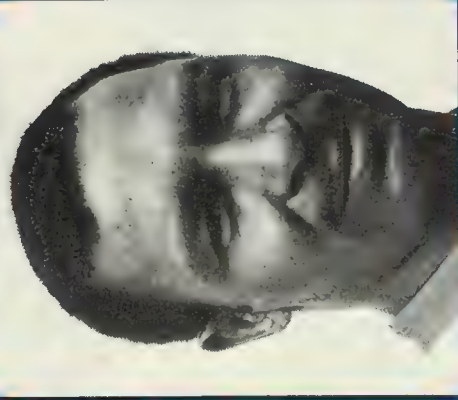
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MARIO COLUNA

ONE of the great names from the Golden Age of Portuguese football in the 1960's, Mario Coluna was the brilliant midfield dynamo both at his club, Benfica, and in 52 appearances with the national team. Like his team-mate Eusebio, Coluna was born in Mozambique (on April 6th, 1935) and first showed sporting promise as a sprinter and high-jumper. But Benfica scouts liked his ball-skills, tireless running and fearsome long-range shooting, bringing him to Europe in 1954. With the Lisbon club he achieved European Cup glory in 1961 and 1962, scoring in both Finals against Barcelona and Real Madrid respectively, and was also losing finalist in 1963, 1965 and 1968. Coluna's peak international achievement was Portugal's third place in the 1966 World Cup Finals, providing punch, personality and skill in midfield, plus all the experience of a great 31-year-old.



PAUL VAN HIMST

TALL and strong, but skilful and stylish, Paul Van Himst goes into the record books as Belgium's all-time great. Born on October 27th, 1943, he made his first team debut for Anderlecht as a bustling, hard-shooting centre-forward at the age of 16. At 17 he won the first of his 85 caps for Belgium and was voted Footballer of the Year — a title he retained the following season. Belgium's poor showings limited his international honours to 1970 World Cup Finals and 1972 European Championship appearances, by which time he'd dropped back into midfield, using his exceptional skills, strength and experience in the role of play-maker. At club level his record with Anderlecht shows an incredible eight League titles and four Cups, plus a U.E.F.A. Cup Final appearance against Arsenal in 1970. Top goalscorer in Belgium in 1964, 1966 and 1968, he still holds the record as Belgium's most-capped player.



JOHNNY HAYNES



THERE has never been a more accurate passer of the ball than this Londoner who graced the Fulham side for 18 seasons (1952-70). He made the first of his England appearances in 1954 and eventually became captain. A serious knee injury cut short his England career in 1962 after 56 matches, but he returned to the Craven Cottage side and continued to play as well as ever, although not always appreciated by the home supporters in the latter part of his career. Look-

ing back it is surprising that he remained with Fulham for so long rather than moving to one of the top clubs, but the Craven Cottage club had to make him the country's first £100-a-week footballer to retain his services when AC Milan sought his transfer in 1961. The first player to appear for England at every international level from schoolboy to senior, this masterly inside-forward could deliver a cross-field 40-yard pass as precisely as a short one.

PETER SHILTON

THE former Leicester and Stoke goalkeeper who has, perhaps, been responsible more than any other player for the transformation of Nottingham Forest from a middle of the Second Division team into twice Champions of Europe. Shilton's career could not have got off to a better start. He learnt his trade from the master of English goalkeeping at Filbert Street in Gordon Banks. When Banks' career finished at Stoke, it was Shilton who again succeeded him, but it has been at Forest that Shilton has really come into his own. An England regular and a goalkeeper of outstanding ability, Shilton has graduated from the pupil to the master.



OSSIE ARDILES

DESPITE helping Argentina to the 1978 World Cup, there were doubts concerning the ability of the little South American to adjust to the demands of the English League following his headline-making £325,000 move from Huracan to Tottenham in 1978. Suffice it to say that those question marks have been completely removed. Of all the foreign players currently gracing the Football League, Ardiles could probably be judged to have been the biggest success. He has transformed a Tottenham team struggling to re-establish themselves

back in the First Division into genuine contenders for a place in Europe, and his intricate skills have made him one of the greatest attractions in the country. His three-year contract at White Hart Lane expires at the end of the season. Whether he remains in North London or returns to his native Argentina in an effort to help them retain the World Cup remains to be seen. But one thing is clear — if Osvaldo Ardiles does decide to leave, the English game will be poorer without his presence.

JOHN GREIG

IF Jock Stein was the epitome of Celtic during his time at Parkhead, then John Greig could be said to be his equivalent at Rangers. A towering defender whose career as a player spanned more than 15 years, all at Ibrox. Although Greig proved his versatility at full-back, centre-forward and even in midfield, he was at his best at the heart of the Rangers defence. A dependable tackler, powerful in the air and an inspirational leader, Greig was the ideal man to lead Rangers' assault on Celtic's dominance in Scotland during the 60's. His greatest rival during his playing career was Celtic's Billy McNeill, and it is fitting that such a rivalry should be continued into management. Greig's first cap came against England at Hampden in 1964, 44 games and 11 years later his international career came to an end at the same venue against Denmark. At club level, Greig captained Rangers to two European Cup Winners' Cup Finals, in 1967 and 1972. He also gained five Scottish Champions' medals, six Scottish Cup Winners' medals and another five League Cup winners' medals.

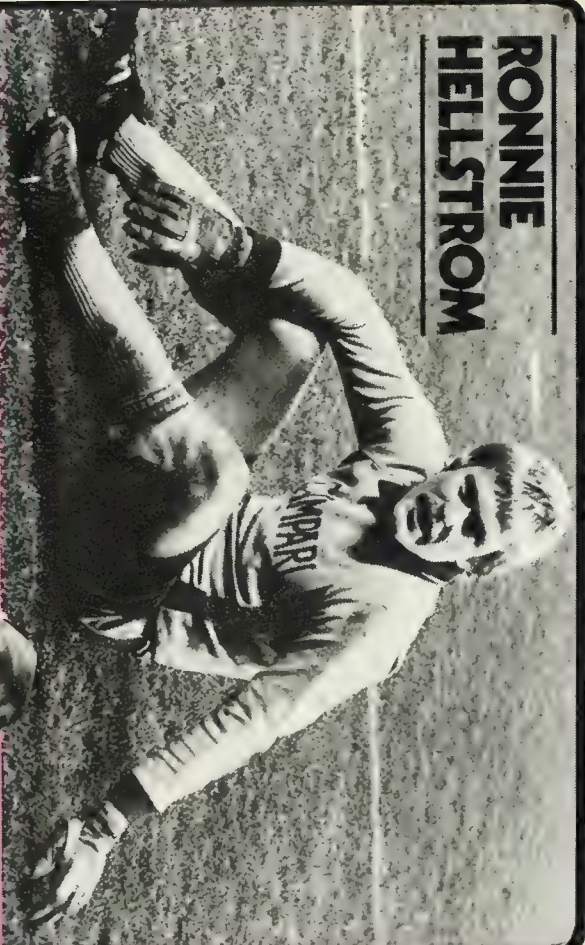


DAVE MACKAY

THE lion-hearted Scotsman who was the rock at the centre of the Tottenham midfield in the 'double-winning' season of 1960-61. Mackay's career began in Edinburgh with Heart of Midlothian, and while at Tynecastle he won his first full cap for Scotland, against Spain, in 1957. Two years later he moved to Spurs, and it was during his ten years at White Hart Lane that he really came to prominence. The handicap of two broken legs could not deter him, and as well as gaining 22 full caps for Scotland, he also helped Spurs beat Chelsea 2-1 in the 1967 F.A. Cup Final. His career ended at Derby and Swindon, and Dave also guided Derby to the 1975 League Championship as a manager. Now he is managing in Saudi Arabia.



RONNIE HELLSTROM



ONE of the elite who've represented their countries in three consecutive World Cups, Ronnie Hellstrom has proved his outstanding ability at the highest level by conceding just 11 goals in Sweden's 12 matches during the 1970, 1974 and 1978 World Cup Finals, and being voted by most critics as the most complete goalkeeper on view. The blond six-footer (born on February 21st, 1949) combines strength, reflexes and agility and inspires confidence among his defenders. With over 80 Swedish caps to his credit, Ronnie continues to produce impressive form for Kaiserslautern in the West German Bundesliga, having begun his goalkeeping career with Hammarby at the age of 13; made his league debut at 18; and made his first international appearance in a 2-2 draw with Russia — with his childhood hero Yashin between the posts at the other end. Yashin predicted a brilliant future for the young Swede, and Ronnie hasn't let him down.

BJORN NORDQVIST

CURRENTLY the world record holder with a staggering 115 international appearances in the yellow shirt of Sweden to his credit (he overhauled Bobby Moore's record during the 1978 World Cup Finals), Bjorn Nordqvist must rate among the greatest European defenders of all time. Born on October 6th 1942, Nordqvist started his footballing career as a full-back, but achieved recognition at international level after his switch to 'sweeper'. In a position where experience is an important factor, Nordqvist reached his peak late in his career as the pivot of an ultra-solid defence that earned 'humble' Sweden places in the 1970, 1974 and 1978 World Cup Finals. He finally relinquished his post at the end of 1978, having made 292 league appearances for his club IFK Goteborg, and headed across the Atlantic to continue his career in US soccer.



JIMMY NICHOLSON



THIS fine wing-half came from a rugby playing school in Belfast but was determined to play soccer outside of school. He developed so well that Manchester United took him under their wing as soon as he left school. His early development with them was rapid for he was the second youngest player ever to be capped for N. Ireland when he was selected to play inside-left against Scotland in November, 1960. He was also well established in the United First Division side at this time and seemed

destined for a long stay, but in the reshuffle that took place around 1962 he eventually lost his place to Nobby Stiles and moved on to earn respect and praise with Huddersfield Town. He captained their Second Division Championship-winning side in 1969-70. After more than nine seasons with the Town he joined Bury in December, 1973. Much favoured by the Northern Ireland selectors he made 41 appearances for them, mostly in the No. 6 shirt.

BIG MATCH CROW TALK

SUNDERLAND v MIDDLESBROUGH

and once for Sunderland against Newcastle, scoring on each occasion — so a goal against you will keep up my derby average.

CRAGGS: I don't think there will be many goals in this game. Plenty of chances will be created, I'm sure, but in the sort of atmosphere we can expect at Roker, over-eagerness could make players miss. Having said that, I don't intend to give you much space in and around the box. I know from experience you are sharp in this area.

CUMMINS: We certainly got to know each other's style in training at Middlesbrough, but I'm planning on having a couple of surprises up my sleeve. With Sunderland, part of my job is marking the opposing right-back, which means I'll be out to stop your runs down the flank.

CRAGGS: We'll be anticipating some runs from Alan Brown. His ball control has improved at Sunderland, and with his turn of speed, he needs watching. Also, it didn't escape our attention that John Hawley got three for you against Manchester City, and Billy Ashcroft and Tony McAndrew at the back for us are fully alerted.

CUMMINS: Your man up-front who gets respect from me is Dave Hodgson. He is always dangerous, and Sam Allardyce and Rob Hindmarch don't intend to let him out of their sight. But if we manage to keep Dave quiet, I reckon we'll

have gone a long way towards cutting out Middlesbrough's scoring threat.

CRAGGS: Don't count on it. In our front line there is also young Dave Shearer, who this season is striking up a good understanding with Dave Hodgson. Then on the subs' bench we've had Mickey Burns, who knows how to put pressure on a defence.

CUMMINS: Granted, I will always rate Mickey a dangerous player, and like Bryan Robson, he can come up with a goal when it's most needed. "Pop" too, has been used as a substitute this term, and nobody has to be told how effective he could be in this derby.

CRAGGS: I know we'll be on our guard against the type of game Sunderland play. It is 100 miles an hour stuff, calculated to hustle the opposition out of their stride, and we are determined not to be thrown off balance. To do this,

admit that I'm more keyed up for one of them than I am for an ordinary game. Once I'm out on the pitch I'm O.K., and at Roker there will be a good following from Middlesbrough to give us encouragement. It's also nice for me to know that Jim Platt is behind me, in goal — this year has been a good one for Jim, with his Northern Ireland caps and his club form.

CUMMINS: No disrespect to Jim, but I believe that in Chris Turner, we've the best goalkeeper in the country after Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton. A sound defence will be tremendously important when the pressure is on at Roker, and I've a lot of faith in Chris. Not forgetting the man in front of him, Steve Whitworth, who is the type of experienced defender every team needs on the big occasion.

CRAGGS: On paper, the two teams are fairly well matched, but on the field my vote is for Middlesbrough to take both points in a tough match. Sorry to have to do it to an old pal, but there it is.

CUMMINS: You are right about us being good pals. And I hope you still feel that way at the end of the 90 minutes — by that time I'm counting on us having the right result, a win.

'I want to keep up my derby scoring average'

STAN CUMMINS

we'll have to subdue Shaun Elliott, Mick Buckley and Kevin Arnott in midfield, where the game will be decided.

CUMMINS: I don't agree about that. I feel that in midfield there will be too much rush and bustle, and not enough control, although Craig Johnston and Dave Armstrong will be trying to establish this for you in that department. I think the match will be decided by the forward who keeps his head in front of goal at the right moment.

CRAGGS: Trying to keep your head in one of these derbies is what it's all about — I've played a few years now for Boro, but I must

'Nobody at Ayresome is giving a thought about losing'

JOHN CRAGGS

CRAGGS: This derby is more important than ever to the North-East, now that Newcastle United are in the Second Division. There is so much talk about this one that nobody at Ayresome is giving a thought about losing.

CUMMINS: It's the same at Sunderland. Locally, this game means a lot, and we want to win it. Also, for me, there is the extra incentive of hoping to put one over on my old team.

CRAGGS: Well, you'll have to do better than when Middlesbrough were last at Roker and got a 2-2 draw — and Sunderland had to come from behind.

CUMMINS: I don't know too much about that match, as this is my first appearance in a Wearside-Teesside derby. But I've played twice for Boro against Newcastle,

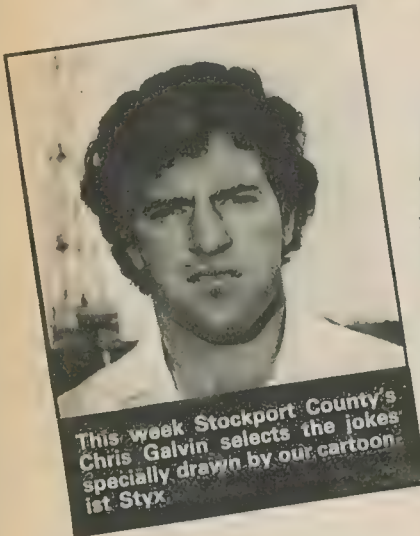


Stan Cummins celebrates after his goal at Manchester City.



Sunderland's Bob Lee shoots towards the goal in the last Teesside-Wearside derby.

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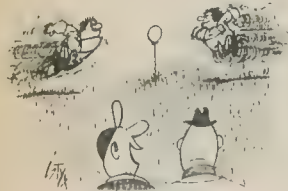
"I've got a score to settle with their left-winger — he introduced me to my wife."



"The boss reckons I ought to get the N.V.G. in the honours list. What does N.V.G. stand for?"
"Not very good!"



"My own design for our new strip. What do you think?"

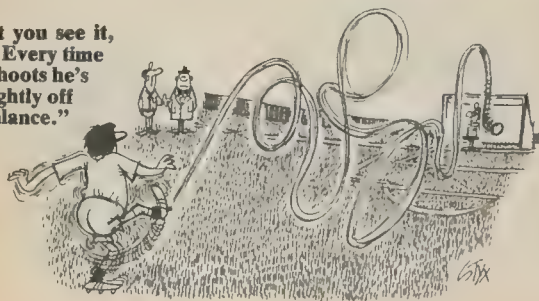


"Brighten up training, boss. They've got to try to burst the balloon."



"That's odd. My old dog usually chases the ball."

"Can't you see it, boss? Every time he shoots he's slightly off balance."



ATTACK the name of HAMILTON'S game

WHEN Davie McParland was a player with Partick Thistle over a decade ago he was well known for his attacking style.

He was a talented forward who liked nothing better than to go forward.

Those same attacking ideals have served McParland well in his stint as manager of the Firhill team where, of course, he led Thistle, to a 4-1 League Cup Final triumph over Celtic eight years ago.

McParland moved across Glasgow in a shock move to Queen's Park and helped restore the image of the Hampden amateurs before he got the call to go to Parkhead to become Celtic's assistant manager to Jock Stein.

Ambitions

That should have been the happiest moment of his career, but things didn't work out and eventually McParland moved to little Hamilton Academicals. Through all that, thankfully, McParland has not lost any of his attacking ambitions.

"What a start we had to the season," he says. "We beat Berwick Rangers 9-1 and suddenly people were taking notice of us."

"Now we must maintain that form. Doing well every now and again is no use to anyone. Promotion is our goal."

Underlining the fact that McParland encourages his players to go forward was the hat-trick that

John Brown scored against Berwick in that opening day drubbing. Brown is a full-back!

Rangers, Aberdeen and various English clubs are now looking at Brown, but Hamilton are in no rush to sell and McParland is likely to seek something in the region of £175,000 for the talented teenager.

Hamilton, though, realise only too well that this season will not always be as easy as it was against Berwick.

The following week they scraped a 1-1 draw with East Stirling at Firs Park thanks to a last minute goal by Gary McDowell.

Striker John Deeney, who scored two against Berwick, broke an arm and was told he will be out of football for three months.

Was the landslide 9-1 walloping a flash in the pan or can Hamilton keep up the good work and maybe even challenge for promotion?

"You'd better believe it," says Bobby Graham, the former Liverpool, Coventry and Motherwell midfielder.

"We've got a good team here with plenty of ambition. These boys have talent, there is no question about that. I've been around a while so I should know what I'm talking about."

Graham, like his boss McParland, is a man who believes the fans should be entertained by attractive, go-ahead soccer.

Attack is the name of game at Douglas Park and Hamilton could create a few more upsets yet.



Hamilton manager Davie McParland.

EIRE CALL-UP FOR SCOTLAND'S BONNAR?

THE young Irishman would have been excused for fainting when he was told he was being rushed into the first team only hours before the kick-off in one of Scotland's show games of the season.

Pat Bonnar, a goalkeeper signed three seasons ago from Keadue Rovers in Eire, was playing in only his fourth first team game for Celtic. He faced the might of Manchester United in a well-deserved testimonial match for Danny McGrain in front of over 40,000 fans at Parkhead.

"Peter Latchford injured a hand in training," says Bonnar. "Suddenly I found myself in the top team. I didn't get the chance to become nervous."

"It was a marvellous occasion and I really enjoyed lining up against United. We drew 0-0 after 90 minutes and I hope I played my part."

Bonnar, in fact, impressed manager Billy McNeill, who said: "You must give great credit to the lad. He made some brilliant saves at crucial stages in the game and he looked confident throughout."

"It's good to know that you have such capable goalkeepers fighting for one place. It will not do their competitive spirit any harm."

The testimonial match was eventually settled on penalties and, alas, for Bonnar and his Celtic colleagues there was no happy ending. He managed to save one effort from Steve Coppell, but George McCluskey, Davie Provan and Tom McAdam all made a mess of their attempts and the special trophy went to Old Trafford.

Bonnar entered this season with only the prospect of reserve team football staring him in the face unless Peter Latchford suffered an unexpected form lapse.

There was even talk of Billy McNeill being interested in Everton's unsettled Scottish international goalkeeper George Wood. No

business was done and Bonnar is now ready to fight all the way with Latchford for that number one jersey.

The youngster has been so impressive that he might be called into the Republic of Ireland international squad!

Eoin Hand, the Eire team boss, says: "I have received great reports on the boy and it seems as though he has a superb future. I'll be going to Scotland to have a look at him some time this season."

"Gerry Peyton, of Fulham, does a good job for the team, but I must be interested in Bonnar because of his potential and because he is so young. By all accounts, he seems to be one for the future."

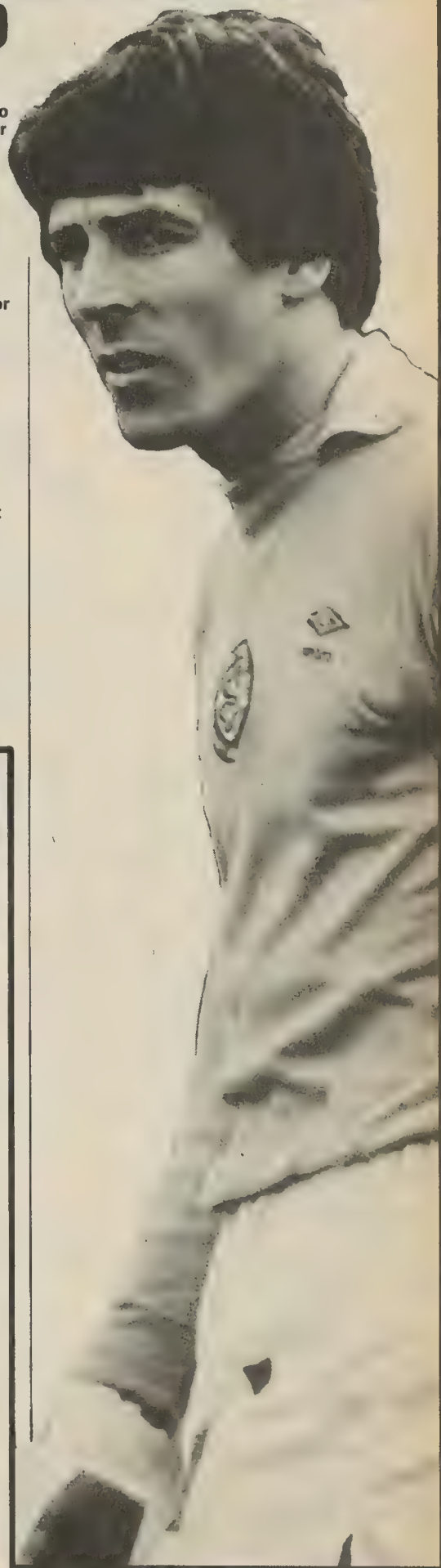
Another experienced campaigner to be impressed by Bonnar is former Celtic star Tommy Gemmell, the former Dundee boss. He watched Celtic play Morton in the opening League game of the season and he says: "His handling was first class and he looked extremely confident and competent."

"He made one save from Morton's Ally Scott that was simply breathtaking."

That save brought applause even from the Morton players, who went down 2-1 eventually, but the game was goalless when Bonnar produced that magic moment.

He pushed out a shot from Jimmy Holmes and Ally Scott walloped in the rebound. It looked a certain goal until Bonnar threw himself across his line to push the ball over the bar.

Pat Bonnar had certainly arrived on the big time scene with that save!



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TAKE a note of Liverpool's start to last season. We beat Arsenal 3-1 in the Charity Shield and then drew, won and lost our first three First Division matches against Bolton, West Brom and Southampton.

The start to the League Cup was equally inauspicious, sharing a 0-0 draw with Tranmere in the Second Round first leg, before beating them handsomely 4-0 in the second leg at Anfield.

Not very enterprising was it? Our start this season was in much the same vein. But I'd just like to warn anyone prepared to write us off that Liverpool are renowned for their poor starts.

Working

Our problem in the first week or two was simple. Despite a 3-0 start of the season victory against Crystal Palace, we were not working for each other. When we are on song, a Liverpool player with the ball has two or three players to pass to. This wasn't happening.

"You're only playing for 45 minutes, not 90," stressed Bob Paisley in the after-match inquests.

The two-and-a-half-hour journey back from Leicester after our 2-0 League defeat was spent entirely on trying to work out where we were going wrong.

But believe me, our problems are not that serious even though the newspapers have made the most of our sloppy start.

Even Liverpool reserves took some stick after beating Coventry

reserves in the opening game. They lost their next two games, 2-0 v Aston Villa, and 1-0 v Burnley.

If the inconsistency continues, Liverpool have the solution within the camp without plunging heavily into the transfer market. I would like to go on record as stating that our reserve team would hold its own in the Second Division — and any one of them is ready, willing and able to slot into the senior side.



It is worth naming the reserve team line-up which started the new season: Steve Ogrizovic; Richard Money, Colin Irwin, Alan Harper, Avi Cohen; Sammy Lee, Ronnie Whelan, Kevin Sheedy, Howard Gayle; Ian Rush, Colin Russell.

Most of those players would be worthy of First Division status with other clubs. And don't forget that David Fairclough was substitute for the first team and Steve Heighway injured.

Ian Rush scored on his reserve team debut after signing from Ches-

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ter and Howard Gayle, who was on loan to Fulham, is fast enough to catch pigeons.

Some might think winning has gone to our heads. I can assure everyone that we are as hungry for titles as we've ever been. Two First Round defeats in the European Cup in the last two seasons has hurt our pride; two Semi-Final defeats in the past two seasons of F.A. Cup competition has wounded us; and we are pledged to try to win the First Division Championship for a third successive year.

On top of that, I'm determined to lengthen my international career. Peter Shilton and I accept Ron Greenwood's decision to alternate us in England games.

Techniques

We have even grown accustomed to helping each other if problems develop in our techniques. Our attitude simply is that it's all for the country's good.

An extra edge to the rivalry between my club, Liverpool, and Nottingham Forest has been provided this season by the lure of becoming the first British club to win the European Cup three times and so rank alongside the Continental clubs, Real Madrid, Ajax and Bayern Munich, who have done this hat-trick.

It's an achievement that would earn a special place in the history of our game, one we desperately want to include in Liverpool's impressive roll of honour.

To be fair to Forest, if they suc-

ceed in retaining the Cup, their feat would surpass a win for us, because for them it would be three times in succession.

We have to overcome the memory of being dumped out at the first stage of the competition in the past two years.

In 1978, following our 1-0 defeat of Bruges in the Wembley Final, we crashed in the First Round to eventual winners Forest.

Last year Russian side Dynamo Tbilisi dealt us the coup de grace in their superb stadium in Georgia.

We're thankful this year the draw-makers have paired us with less formidable opposition in the shape of the Finnish Champions, Oula Palloseura, while Forest take on Bulgarian title-holders CSKA Sofia, a difficult-to-beat side.

This is the first occasion in which we have met the Finns, in 16 years of Liverpool involvement in European football; although two England internationals amongst us — myself and Phil Thompson — have played against their country.

What they lack in finesse and style, they will make up for with non-stop running and fighting spirit, so we're not expecting an easy ride to the Second Round.

Being drawn at home in the first-leg should not be a disadvantage against the comparatively low-ranking Finns; although we have a preference for playing away simply because if anything should go wrong we stand a good chance of rectifying it in front of our home

crowd with their capacity to lift us to the heights.

It's important we improve on our finishing, cease squandering the large number of goal-chances we create, and treat our fans to a handsome score to remove any pressure from the second-leg in Finland.

The number of foreigners recruited into our game obviously prompted this question from Peter Stanton of Nantwich: "If you were a manager granted an open cheque by your club to buy any foreign

player, who would you choose?"

I didn't even have to furrow my brow over this one, Peter. It would be Diego Maradona, the Argentinian star who, at 19, would be a marvellous investment for the years of exceptional service he would give. I had the opportunity of studying him at close quarters during the friendly at Wembley against Argentina, and to me he seemed the complete footballer.

At one point he came very close to scoring past me.

I was so impressed by his dazzling skills, I focused on him during a following game against Austria in Vienna where he was absolutely breathtaking. He scored two goals in Argentina's win, each a model of precision. He possesses the skill and confidence to take the ball into the penalty box and calmly drill it accurately into the spot he's selected.

Very stocky, his low centre of gravity makes him — like Kevin Keegan — very difficult to knock off the ball.

All-Time Great

If he continues to make his present progress, he'll one day stand alongside the likes of Pele and Johan Cruyff as one of the game's all-time greats.

The big problem with having Diego in a team would be finding team-mates worthy of playing alongside him.

Just room for another letter, this time from Wayne Johnstone of Carlisle. "Is this a testimonial year for any Liverpool player?"

Yes, Steve Heighway, who gave me tremendous support in all my testimonial events last season.

I've known Steve since 1970, and we've always been great friends. He's given the club marvellous service, even though recently he's not figured as a regular in the first team.

Steve has a great sense of humour and is a real morale-booster.

This Saturday our visitors to Anfield in the League are West Bromwich Albion, who had an indifferent last season following one in which they challenged hard for the Championship.

Manager Ron Atkinson had to contend with problems posed by injuries and newly transferred-in players, such as Peter Barnes, John Deehan and Gary Owen, who took time to settle.

A run of good results at the tail end of last season gave warning that Albion are a cohesive force again, and we can expect a hard game — particularly as their boss is a Liverpudlian eager to do well in his home town.

'Maradona seems the complete player'

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"I DON'T score as many goals as Clive Allen, and it's no good people thinking I'm going to. Clive is an out and out goalscorer — if he isn't scoring goals, then he struggles. Scoring is his game and without goals, he is almost ineffective.

"But my game is a lot more than just that. I don't score as often as Clive but I would help more generally, and make other goals, more than Clive does. I finish a game happy if I have made goals for others, even if I haven't scored them myself. But Clive lives and breathes goals — he has to be scoring to be happy."

Paul Goddard laying it on the line. The lad on whom West Ham manager John Lyall splashed out

Lyall knew what kind of player I was when he bought me, so he knows what I can do and can't do.

"It will take a while to work up an understanding with David Cross," says Paul. "It always does when you get a new partnership. I had played alongside Clive Allen for three or four years through various levels and I was used to him, as he was to me.

"But I'm not so naive as to think I could have spent all my career alongside one player. Football just isn't like that. You have to forge new partnerships, adapt to new situations and surroundings. I'm not worried about leaving Clive and I'm sure he's not worried about doing without me."

The size of Paul Goddard's trans-

and besides, I was still quite happy at Rangers.

"I was honoured West Ham wanted me because I always considered them a First Division outfit."

Both West Ham and Q.P.R. are identical in one respect — they share each other's desperation to return to the First Division. "I suppose they go about it in slightly different ways," says Goddard.

"Q.P.R. buy and sell players and have a different attitude. West Ham are more loyal to their players but they are just as determined. Certainly, their sole aim this season is promotion.

"Tommy Docherty and John Lyall are vastly different people. Tommy is a little bit unpredictable

'I'm not another Clive Allen' declares PAUL GODDARD

£850,000 believes in facing the facts full in the face —and he wants Hammers' fans to know the situation.

"It's no good them thinking I'm going to score 30 goals and give us a simple ride into the First Division. I'm just not that sort of player. People can think what they like but I aim to play my natural game and do my best. I cannot be another type of player, no matter how much money I cost. John

fer fee staggered most London observers. Goddard scored 16 goals in Division Two League games last season, Allen 28. Allen was sold for £1m to Arsenal but Goddard's ability to command almost as big a fee, especially when so young, seemed surprising. Did it worry Goddard?

"Not in the least," was his bold reply. "I must admit, I was surprised when I heard of West Ham's successful bid. When Clive was sold, I didn't think there was any way Rangers would sell me, too. I had no idea anyone wanted me

and certainly goes about his job in an entirely different way. You get a barrage from Tommy and have to learn to build up a defence against his attacks on you.

"John might appear a much quieter man but don't be fooled — he will also air his opinions if he thinks he should."

Lyall has bought an honest, determined young man in Paul Goddard. He might not hit the headlines with a record haul of goals. But he's sure to give West Ham everything he's got in every game he plays.

MISSING from Wrexham's line-up during the opening games of the season was the hero of The Racecourse, Steve Fox.

"The same thing happened to me last year," says the 22-year-old winger. "I didn't get my place until we played against West Ham. Even then, I was listed as sub, but came on after ten minutes play and had a blinder. I only missed a couple of games after that all season."

Fox, who signed for Wrexham in a £95,000 deal from Birmingham in December, 1978, adds: "One of the reasons why I didn't start off the new season must be put down to our pre-season training stint at Aberystwyth.

"For me it's a week of absolute torture. We run along the beaches of North Wales and scamper up and down the sand dunes. I must have been sick ten times.

"The training at Wrexham must be the hardest in the land. All the players dread it, but it's something that has to be done.

"Team boss Arfon Griffiths usually picks the players who have proved their fitness at Aberystwyth. In the sand Frank Carrodus was marvellous. He won everything. Long runs, short runs, you name it and Frank's your man.

"I didn't perform too well. In fact, I never do. I'm just not a good long distance runner.

"Obviously, I'm disappointed at not making the first team, but I'm not disheartened. I reckon I'll get my place back and keep it until the



SLOW STARTER FOX BLAMES PRE-SEASON 'TORTURE'

end of the season. One thing is for sure, I'll be fighting.

"At Wrexham we've finished sixth from the bottom of the Second Division two seasons on the trot. It's unbelievable really because we seem to beat all the top teams at home. We're always in contention until just after Christmas, then we flop at the last furlong.

"But Arfon Griffiths has got high hopes for the team this year. If we can set on a good run without suffering injuries, then the feeling around The Racecourse is that Wrexham can finish in the top six.

"The boss is looking for promotion and, with a settled side, there's no reason why we shouldn't pull it off.

"We've got some good players here and during the summer Steve Dowman arrived from Colchester for £75,000 to strengthen the squad. Unfortunately, Steve has gone down with cartilage trouble, so we won't be seeing him in action for a few weeks.

"Ian Arkwright came from Wolves towards the end of last

season and, at £100,000, he's a bargain. He's only young, but I was really impressed with his vision and passing of the ball.

"As to my own form, my problem is one of inconsistency. I played some brilliant games last season, but I also had a few 'stinkers'.

"I can count on one hand the number of good games I played away from home. I know full well that that's not acceptable to anybody. But the opposition were on the attack for most of the time and I wasn't seeing the ball."

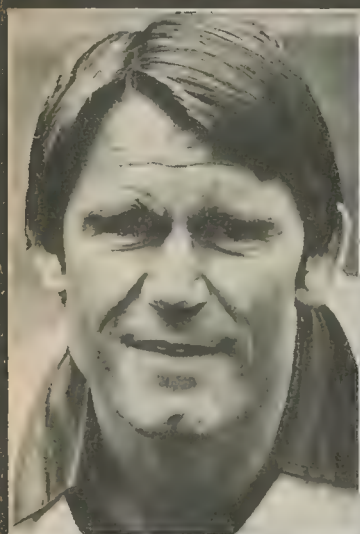
Fox made a glut of goals last season with his devastating crosses.

"That's where I shine and it's without doubt a strong feature of my play," he says. "I swerve or drive them across. I think that's the best for forwards. A touch in the right direction is all that is needed.

"Ever since I came here the crowd have been great. If the supporters like you, then you are made. When I'm not in the team the fans are always calling my name.

"I don't think they'll need to chant that for much longer."

DREADNOUGHT DAVE



THE tranquil South Coast town of Bournemouth has long been regarded as a haven for the elderly. People go there to live the quiet life after retiring, but there will be no peace or quiet for a younger section of Bournemouth's society — the men who play for its Fourth Division football team. Dreadnought David Webb will see to that!

The much travelled Webb moved in to Dean Court as player-coach during the summer, with big plans to put the club firmly on the map.

Webb knows what he wants. It will be a big surprise if one of the most honest professionals the game has ever known fails to get it.

Elder statesman Alec Stock, Bournemouth's general manager, had no hesitation in choosing Webb from an impressive list of applicants when he decided to appoint a young right-hand man to look after the coaching and lift some of the weight off his own shoulders.

Webb, on his own admission, was never the most elegant or gifted footballer to grace the game, but always gave every club he played for everything he had and was able to collect his wages every week with a clear conscience.

Hard-man defender Webb, now 34, played for Orient, Southampton, Chelsea, Queens Park Rangers, Leicester and Derby. And with all those his dedication and attitude was a dream for the managers he played under.

He expects the same from the players he now supervises at Bournemouth. Any not prepared to toe the line and give 100 per cent will be clobbered harder than any forward who ever felt the weight of Webb's tackles.

Webb admits he has a bit of a problem to start with. "My arrival here is supposed to produce a partnership of the young track-suit man and the wise old head at the top," he says.

"But Alec still wants to take the part of the younger man! And when you look at him that is not surprising."

"He has been around in the game for over 30 years — but is still as spritely as ever."

"They say that this game takes a lot out of you and puts years on you. If that is the case then clearly no one has told him about it."

'Demands'

"He can still hold his own in any company and I can only marvel at the way he has stood up to the demands the game has imposed on him."

"He has achieved the things that most managers only dream about — yet still retains the enthusiasm of a kid just coming into the game."

"Alec has laid good foundations in the year or so he has been here at Bournemouth."

"I know it sounds like a cliché, but this really is a dream chance for me. I have always wanted to go into coaching and I could not have a better club to do it with."

"They proved how well they could draw the crowds some ten years ago when John Bond was here."

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"Crowds flocked to watch them in those days and we intend to produce the stuff that will bring them back again."

"Alec has organised reserve and youth teams here, so there is a nice solid base. And I have been very encouraged by the way things have gone so far."

"I had a few other offers before deciding to come here. But already I'm glad I chose Bournemouth."

"I have known Alec for years, respect him as a man and a manager and he has given me a completely free hand."

"So if things don't go well I will have only myself to blame. I can't — and won't — go looking for scapegoats. It's all down to me and I accept that."

"It's also a lovely part of the world to live. I have picked out a house down here — but if it falls through perhaps I can live in the summer house on Kevin Keegan's country estate!"

"The prospect of what Bournemouth can achieve excites me. The thought of trying to lead them to it does not frighten me."

"I've got definite ideas on what I want and honestly believe I can help Bournemouth to greater things."

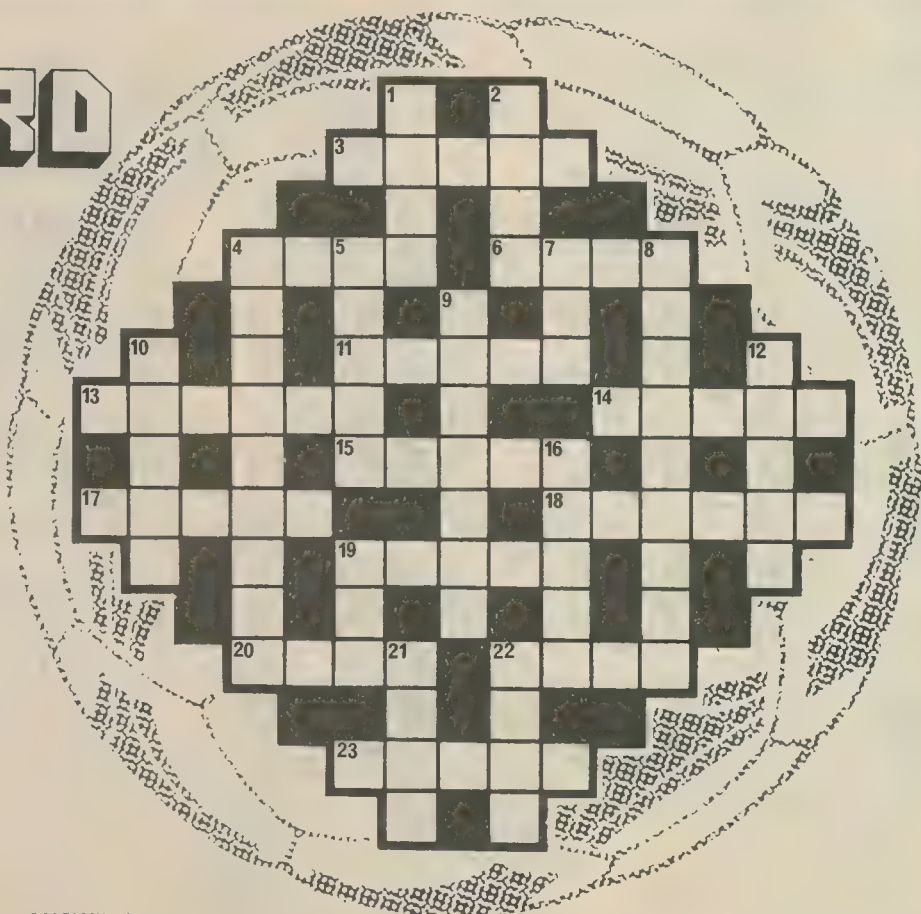
With Webb's attitude — and influence on the field — and Stock's immense know-how Bournemouth could now have the best double-act since Morecambe and Wise.

ON THE BALL CROSSWORD

- (3) David —; Arsenal midfield player. (5)
(4) Take four letters from STAMFORD BRIDGE in the correct order to make a word meaning "identical". (4)
(6) "The —" nickname of Derby County. (4)
(11) Jumps in the air; as a keeper possibly making a save. (5)
(13) — Bank; ground of Lincoln City. (6)
(14) Period of time. (5)
(15) Teams by another name. (5)
(17) Uses a rope rotating for a form of exercise or training. (5)
(18) — Brooking; West Ham midfield player. (6)
(19 & 9 Down) Rangers and Scotland star. (5)
(20) — Morley; Aston Villa forward. (4)
(22) Surname of famous player who set an all-time record of scoring 60 League goals in a single season. (4)
(23) — Whittaker; Partick Thistle full-back. (5)

DOWN:—

- (1) An unrated player might be given this type of transfer. (4)
(2) Mark left by a cut or graze. (4)
(4) — County; Cheshire club first known as Heaton Norris Rovers. (9)
(5) Mick —; Ipswich skipper. (5)
(7) An animal from Tommy Cassidy of Burnley & N. Ireland. (3)
(8) Frank —; Arsenal striker. (9)
(9) See 19 Across. (7)
(10) Steve —; Derby County defender. (5)
(12) Scottish club from Recreation Park. (5)
(16) Fashion or manner of play, for instance. (5)
(19) If Swansea, Crewe & Middlesbrough make ARM, what do Ipswich, Dundee & Norwich make? (3)
(21) — City, from Bootham Crescent ground. (4)
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BACK ROW (left-to-right): Ian Stirton, Gregor Stevens, Colin Jackson, Colin McAdam, George Young, Peter McCloy, Gordon Marshall, Raymond McIntosh, Tom Forsyth, Kenny Watson, Robert Clark.

MIDDLE ROW: Dave Provan (trainer), Graham Watson, Ken Richardson, Ian Redford, Jim Dalziel, Dougie Robertson, Alex.



GERS

Chief scout), Stan Anderson
 ny, Lyall, Alex Miller, Steve
 Bett, Billy Urquhart, Gordon
 Forsyth, Tom Craig (physio).

FRONT ROW: John Greig (manager), Billy Davies, Tom McLean,
 John MacDonald, Sandy Jardine, Derek Johnstone, Davie
 Cooper, Bobby Russell, Alex MacDonald, Billy Mackay, Joe
 Mason (trainer)

SHOOT!

EMPHATIC and purposeful, Rangers manager John Greig was hammering out a message to his first team squad. He was pulling no punches as the players listened intently.

"You must realise that every game Rangers play is a Cup Final," he said. "Everyone wants to beat us. There are no easy games."

"We must have dedication, concentration and application in every single game. That is what is expected of a Ranger. Anything less will not be tolerated."

Greig certainly knows what he is talking about because he had all those qualities — priceless in this day and age — when he was a player at Ibrox until he quit to become manager two years ago after Jock Wallace's move to Leicester City.

Wallace left after guiding the Ibrox men to all the honours Scotland had to offer, the League Championship, the Cup and the League Cup. Greig moved into the



GREIG'S LAW

No room for slackers at Ibrox

toughest job of them all, realising there was a huge onus on him to ensure that Rangers didn't lose that magical golden touch.

In his first season, he took Rangers to ultimate success in the two Cups, but old rivals Celtic pipped them in a dramatic shoot-out for the Premier Division trophy.

Last season, though, was one of transition for Rangers as Greig tried to rebuild a side the fans could acclaim like the others in Ibrox history. It was not an easy task. In the end Rangers didn't win any of the major honours and, in fact, failed to clinch a place in Europe.

However, it was not all gloom and doom for Rangers. Greig had installed new and exciting ideas into the team, although it was obvious it was going to take a fair bit of time before everything clicked perfectly into place.

Greig spent £175,000 in buying Gregor Stevens from Leicester City and he also introduced the entertaining young raider John MacDonald, a teenager who is now being likened to the one and only Jimmy Greaves because of his goal-poaching ability.

Other changes had to be made — some forced through injury, some through planning — and Greig spent another £210,000 in buying left-sided midfielder Ian Redford from Dundee.

Ally Dawson was given more scope in the left-back role and it surprised no one when he earned his first full international cap for Scotland in the close-season tour of Hungary and Poland.

There has been no respite for Greig and he parted with another £170,000 to purchase the versatile talents of Colin McAdam, from Partick Thistle, and a bargain £165,000 to buy the solid midfield ability of 20-year-old Jimmy Bett from Belgian side SK Lokeren.

'Interested'

Greig has made way for these players by selling Gordon Smith to Brighton for £400,000, Alex MacDonald to Hearts for £30,000 and Kenny Watson to Partick Thistle for £60,000.

Greig stresses: "I'm always interested in good players who will be able to do a job for this club."

Backing up those words, Greig parted with a paltry £40,000 to buy former Ibrox idol Willie Johnston from Vancouver Whitecaps.

"Willie has been signed on a two-year contract and I know he has something to offer this club," says Greig.

Greig is trying to build a hard-working team with a fair amount of flair. He wants them to fight for one another, to give their everything for the entire 90 minutes, but he also wants them



Old hands such as Sandy Jardine (left) will help newcomers like Colin McAdam (above, dark strip) to settle in quickly at Ibrox and bring top honours back to Rangers.



to express their individual skills and there are many gifted players in this current Ibrox squad.

Aberdeen's Player of the Year Gordon Strachan watched them in a friendly against Spurs and said: "I must admit I was impressed. There seems little doubt that Colin McAdam will score goals for them and John MacDonald is also looking a class player."

"I still think Dundee United are the most difficult side in Scotland to beat, but Rangers will be a threat to our Championship this season."

Words like those must be music to John Greig's ears. He has worked as hard off the pitch as he did on it in the Rangers cause. He deserves success.

Rangers now have a magnificent stadium after spending several million pounds on two stands and the rebuilding will continue with another new stand.

The famous Light Blues are catapulting into the 80's and Greig's dream is for that new

stadium to be packed with fans coming to enjoy soccer as it was meant to be played.

But the Rangers fans are not famous for their powers of tolerance as they have demonstrated so many times in the past.

Former centre-half Ronnie McKinnon, who earned many Scottish international caps in the 60's, recalls: "One year it got to the stage that the players actually preferred to play away from home."

The Rangers fans did not enjoy last season one little bit for obvious reasons, but it is to be hoped that they will give their favourites every support this term.

It's the first time the likes of Stevens, Redford, MacDonald, McAdam, Bett and Johnston will be playing alongside each other. Again, time might be needed until the fruits of John Greig's labours are properly appreciated.

Rangers have a heritage second to none. Their personal Hall of Fame is packed with marvellous individuals such as Alan Morton, George Young, Jim Baxter, Willie Henderson, Jerry Dawson and so many more.

Greig hopes more glory days are just around the corner. With a bit of luck, hard work by his players on the field and a bit of patience exercised off the park by the legions of fans, those dreams could be realised.

This week's Star Letter comes from Jonathan Roberts of Leighton Buzzard, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes

LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

★ There seems to be an air of depression, brought on no doubt by some of the headlines claiming this season to be a 'crisis season' and pointing to the lack of entertainment.

Constructive criticism can be beneficial, but a lot of people seem to be 'sticking the boot in', as it were.

Why not take a look at the good things in the game?

Take a look at our national teams. Although England had a disappointing European Championship, don't forget that Ron Greenwood has built us a fine team and even getting to the Finals was a fine achievement after events of recent years.



César Menotti even said that along with West Germany, England was the only team showing skill and attacking flair. He should know.

Look at the results of the England Youth team in the little World Cup, and not only results, but look

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at the entertainment and enthusiasm shown by the England and Scotland schoolboys in their match last season. Breathtaking!

Look at the fine young players in the game. Ray Wilkins (below, left) is perhaps the most skilful midfielder in the country and what an asset for England.

Southampton look like livening up many a dreary afternoon, not to mention many of the other great teams who regularly provide the public with a feast of football.

Try weighing good and bad and then we can see why football is the best-loved sport in the country. ● It's strange, but English football is often more admired abroad than at home.

Better example

IT appears that the general wish of the players is to see a stop to soccer hooliganism.

How on earth can players expect this when they encourage violence and aggression on the terraces?

Players squabble and fight over tackles and the referee's decisions.

Is it really necessary for mature men to act like spoilt babies in front of people who often idolise and copy their every move?

If players do want to see a stop to soccer hooliganism in the near future they could help by leading a good example.

DAVID MERICKS, SOLIHULL.

● Agreed — but I don't think hooliganism is a direct result of misconduct on the field. The worst fighting is often before the game has started.

Bad reporting

RECENTLY I attended the London derby match between Spurs and Crystal Palace. It was an extremely entertaining game, producing seven goals with Spurs the eventual winners.

However, I was extremely annoyed (and amazed) to see that all the daily papers had concentrated their write-ups on the exit of Vince Hilaire and not the thrilling football that occurred during the match.

It seemed ironic as only two weeks before they were craving for attacking football yet they still carried on about this one little incident.

SEM DAVIES, HARLOW.

● Vince Hilaire was sent off for pushing over the referee. You can't expect something as sensational as this to be tucked away at the end of a report.

Rob's the boy

A lot has been discussed as to who will wear the number five shirt for England when Dave Watson steps down. Popular players mentioned include Osman and Butcher of Ipswich and Caton of Man. City.

At Sunderland, however, we have Rob Hindmarch who is only 18, but has already made a big impact in the Second Division and who is now showing his class in the First.

Rob is already being tipped as Sunderland's next captain. I pre-



dict that Rob (above) will be pushing for that centre-half spot should England qualify for the World Cup in Spain 1982.

TREVOR ROUTLEDGE, JARROW.

● I fancy Watson has at least another year's international football to offer.

What chance at Wembley?

I don't know whether I'm your oldest reader, but your Middlesbrough Club Spotlight reminded me that I've been waiting 55 years to see Boro get to Wembley. Be it the F.A. Cup or the League Cup, I can't afford to be fussy!

Then along comes Tony McAndrew to leave me scared to death at the prospect.

"The Boro players," said Tony, "will have to kick the habit of being overawed at Old Trafford." (Got beat 3-0!)

Ye Gods! If they're overawed at Old Trafford, what chance would they have in that famous Wembley cauldron?

PAT ASHLEY, MIDDLESBROUGH.

● They've got to get there first! After 55 years you'd probably think it was all a dream, anyway!

Shared blunder

My Dad says two players once shared an own-goal in a Football League game! Can such a thing happen?

EDWARD WOOD, DERBY

● Yes, Edward, it can — and DID! This strange incident occurred at Stamford Bridge, on 18th December, 1954, in a First Division match between Chelsea and Leicester.

Visiting defenders Stan Milburn and Jack Froggatt were involved in a mix-up in front of their own goal — and, in trying to clear the ball, connected with it simultaneously and sent it whizzing into the net.

Afterwards, the players confirmed that each had got his boot to the ball at precisely the same moment — and so one of Chelsea's goals in their 3-1 win went down in the records as "Milburn and Froggatt, shared own-goal!"

World Cup at Goodison

Can you tell me the results, and attendances, of games played at Goodison Park, Everton, during the 1966 World Cup in England?

S. SIWAKU, LONDON, W.2

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Ask the Expert

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● First, there were three Group Three matches with these results — Brazil 2, Bulgaria 0 (47,308); Hungary 3, Brazil 1 (51,387); Portugal 3, Brazil 1 (58,479).

Following those came the Quarter-Final in which Portugal beat North Korea 5-3 (40,248); and the Semi-Final in which West Germany beat Russia 2-1 (38,273).

Away Wins

What is the greatest number of away wins in one day in any Division of the Football League?

STEPHAN SMORTUNOWICZ, NOTTINGHAM

● As far as I can trace, Stephan, it seems to be eight out of eleven. This happened in Division Two on 12th September, 1959, and again on 25th November, 1967; and, in Division Three, on 27th September, 1958.

In sharp contrast, incidentally, on 30th January, 1937, there wasn't a single away win in any of the 35 F.A. Cup-ties and Football League matches played that day.

Wembley Record

Which footballer has played the most times at Wembley?

MARK TICKELL, PRESTON

● According to my reckoning, Mark, Bobby Charlton just beats Bobby Moore to it by 49 appearances to 47.

Charlton's total is made up of 44 of his 106 full internationals — plus, for Manchester United, the F.A. Cup Finals of 1957, 1958, and 1963; and the European Cup Final of 1968.

He also played at Wembley for "The Three" v "The Six" in the multi-national game in January, 1973 to commemorate the entry of Britain, Denmark, and Eire into the Common Market.

Moore's total is made up of 43 of his 108 full internationals — plus, for West Ham, the F.A. Cup Final of 1964 and the European Cup-Winners Cup Final of 1965; and, for Fulham, the F.A. Cup Final of 1975. And he, also, played for "The Three".

Trevor Francis

What was the League career-record of my favourite present day player, Trevor Francis, before he joined Nottingham Forest?

STANLEY MATTHEWS, TANZANIA

● Seeing what your name is, Stanley, I'm wondering who your favourite former player was!

Seriously, though, Birmingham was Trevor's only League club before joining Forest — as Britain's first Million Pound-Man in February, 1979 — and in their colours he scored 118 goals in 280 League games.

The highlight was probably scoring all the goals in Birmingham's 4-0 win over Bolton on 20th February, 1971 — to become the first 16-year-old ever to score four goals in a Football League match.

LINE-UPS... RESULTS... SCORERS...

Monday, August 18

Third Division

BRENTFORD (1) 1 (Funnell) 6,520
MILLWALL (0) 0

Fourth Division

MANSFIELD (0) 0
YORK (1) 1 (Eccles) 4,090

SOUTHEND (5) 5 (Gray 2, Spence 2, Hadley)
PORT VALE (1) 1 (Chamberlain) 3,948

TRANMERE (0) 0
CREWE (0) 1 (Palios) 2,246

Tuesday, August 19

First Division

ARSENAL (1) 1 (Stapleton) 43,050
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Baker)
Arsenal: Jennings, Devine, Sansom, Talbot (McDermott), O'Leary, Young, Hollins, Vaessen, Stapleton, Price, Rix.

Southampton: Katalinic, Golac (Hebbard), McCartney, Williams, Watson, Nicholl, Keegan, Channon, George, Holmes, Baker.



Arsenal's Frank Stapleton

COVENTRY (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (0) 0 22,807
Coventry: Blyth, Coop, Robertson, Blair, Dyson, Gillespie, Van Gool, English, Thompson, Daly, Hunt.
Liverpool: Ogrizovic, Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.

C. PALACE (1) 3 (Hilaire, Smillie, Cannon)
TOTTENHAM (3) 4 (Crooks 2, Hoddle, Archibald) 27,102
C. Palace: Barron, Nicholas, Fenwick, Murphy, Cannon, Gilbert, Smillie (Seely), Francis, Flanagan, Allen, Hilaire.

Tottenham: Kendall, Smith, Hughton, Yorath, Lacy, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Crooks, Hoddle, Villa.

EVERTON (1) 1 (Eastoe) 23,337
LEICESTER (0) 0
Everton: McDonagh, Gidman, Ratcliffe, Wright, Lyons, Stanley, McMahon, Eastoe, Latchford, Hartford, McBride.

Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Gibson, Peake, May, O'Neill, Goodwin, Melrose, Young, Wilson, Smith.

IPSWICH (1) 2 (Wark, Gates) 21,568
BRIGHTON (0) 0
Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Gates, O'Callaghan.
Brighton: Moseley, Gregory, Williams, Horton, Foster, Lawrenson, McHale, Ward, Robinson, Smith, McNab.

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 3 (Johnston, Nattrass, Armstrong) 19,470
LEEDS (0) 0
Middlesbrough: Platt, Craggs, Bailey, Johnston, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Nattrass, Hedley, Hodgson, Shearer, Armstrong.
Leeds: Lukic, Cherry, Stevenson, Flynn, Hart, Grenhoff, Gray, Connor (Parlane), Curtis, Chandler, Graham.

WOLVES (0) 1 (Berry)
MANCHESTER UTD. (0) 0
Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Parkin (Clarke), Daniel, Hughes, Berry, Brazier, Carr, Gray, Richards, Eves.
Man. Utd.: Roche, Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, Moran, Buchan, Grimes (Ritchie), Greenhoff, Coppell, Macari, Thomas.

Second Division

BOLTON (0) 0
SHEFF. WED. (0) 0 15,926
Bolton: Peacock, Graham, Burke, Wilson, Jones, Walsh, Gowling, Whatmore, Carter, Kidd, Cantello.
Sheff. Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Williamson, Smith, Pickering, King, Taylor, Johnson, Mellor, McCulloch, Curran.

BRISTOL CITY (1) 1 (Ritchie)
WEST HAM (1) 1 (Cross) 13,554
Bristol City: Cashley, Sweeney, Baddeley, Tainton, Rodgers (Garland), Merrick, Fitzpatrick, Mabbutt, Ritchie, Mann, Whitehead.

West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Brush, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Holland, Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Pike.

GRIMSBY (0) 0
PRESTON (0) 0 10,461
Grimsby: Batch, Stone, Moore, Waters, Wigginton, Crombie, Broly, Ford, Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming.
Preston: Tunks, Taylor (Doyle), Cameron, Burns, Baxter, Blackley, Bell, Coleman, Elliott, Potts, McGee.

LUTON (1) 1 (White)
WATFORD (0) 0 13,887
Luton: Findley, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, White, Antic (West), Moss.
Watford: Steele, Henderson, Jackett, Patching, Sims, Bolton, Blissett, Poskett, Jenkins, Train, Rostron.

Q.P.R. (0) 4 (Shanks, Fereday 2, Hazell)
BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0 9,731
Q.P.R.: Woods, McCreery, Gillard, Waddock, Wicks, Roeder, Fereday, Shanks, Hazell (Hill), Currie, Burke.
Bristol Rovers: Thomas, Gillies, Bate, Mabbutt, Hughes, Cooper, McCaffrey, Barrowclough, Williams (Jones), Bates, Griffiths.

ORIENT (2) 3 (Jennings, Parsons, Chiedozi)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 0 5,109
Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor, Gray, Parsons, Chiedozi, Jennings, Mayo, Bowles, Coates.
Cambridge: Webster, Donaldson, Smith, Murphy, Falon, Gibbons, Streete, Spriggs, Reilly, Finney, Christie.

SWANSEA (0) 2 (Attley, Giles)
SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (King) 12,754
Swansea: Stewart, Marustik, Rushbury, Attley, Stevenson, Phillips, Giles, James (R), James (L), Charles (Craig), Robinson.
Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Biggins, Dungworth, Pettis.

WREXHAM (0) 0
CARDIFF (0) 1 (Bishop) 7,772
Wrexham: Davies, Hill, Dwyer, Jones (F), Jones (J), Carrodus, Vinter, Arkwright (Whittle), Edwards, McNeil, Cartwright.
Cardiff: Grotier, Grapes, Dwyer (P), Campbell, Pontin, Thomas, Bishop, Buchanan, Stevens, Ronson, Lewis.

Third Division

GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (Henderson, Richardson)
READING (0) 0 5,193

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Robinson)
CARLISLE (1) 1 (Staniforth) 7,674

HULL (0) 1 (McCarthy)
BARNLEY (2) 2 (Parker, Glavin) 6,978

NEWPORT (0) 1 (Tynan)
CHARLTON (0) 2 (Robinson, Powell) 8,062

PLYMOUTH (0) 2 (Kemp, Bason)
CHESTER (0) 0 4,823

PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Laidlaw pen)
SWINDON (0) 0 15,810

SHEFFIELD UTD. (1) 2 (Butlin, Peters)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 18,390

Fourth Division

ALDERSHOT (1) 2 (Brodie 2)
WIMBLEDON (0) 0 2,922

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2 (Elliott)
HEREFORD (0) 0 2,991

DONCASTER (1) 2 (Nimmo 2)
DARLINGTON (0) 0 3,157

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Forster)
BURY (0) 2 (Hilton 2) 3,743

ROCHDALE (2) 4 (Hilditch 2, Burke, Taylor)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 2,427

Wednesday, August 20

European Cup

(Preliminary Round, first-leg)

CELTIC (0) 6 (McGarvey 3, McCluskey 2, Sullivan)
DIOGYOERI (0) 0 28,000
Celtic: Bonnar, Sneddon, McGrain, Aitken, McAdam, MacLeod, Provan, Sullivan, McGarvey, Burns, McCluskey.

First Division

ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Shaw)
NORWICH (0) 0 25,970
Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.
Norwich: Hansbury, McDowell, Downs, Mendham, Bond, Powell, Woods, Fashanu, Royle, Paddon, Goble (Nightingale).

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0
SUNDERLAND (1) 4 (Hawley 3 (1 pen), Cummins) 33,271
Man. City: Corrigan, Reid, Caton, Stepanovic, Booth, Henry, Tueart, Daley, Sugrue, Power, Reeves.
Sunderland: Turner, Whitworth, Bolton, Allardye, Elliott, Hindmarch, Chisholm, Buckley, Hawley, Brown, Cummins.

NOTTM. FOREST (1) 2 (Birtles, Ponte)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Worthington) 26,561
Nottm. Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Ponte, Birtles, Wallace, Robertson.
Birmingham: Wealands, Langan, Dennis, Curbishley, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Bertschin, Worthington, Gemmill, Dillon.

STOKE (0) 0
WBA (0) 0 14,085
Stoke: Fox, Evans, Doyle, Dodd, Hampton, Ursem, Johnston, Richardson, Bracewell, Cook, Chapman.
WBA: Godden, Treweek, Wile, Robertson, Statham, Moses, Robson, Owen, Deehan, Regis, Barnes.

Second Division

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Keeley)
OLDHAM (0) 0 10,831
Blackburn: Butcher, Branagan, Rathbone, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Crawford, Garner, McKenzie, Speight.
Oldham: McDonnell, Hoodickin, Blair, Kowanicki, Clements, Wyldie, Hurst, Futcher, Stainrod, Keegan (Heaton), Atkinson.

DERBY (1) 3 (Powell (B) Chivers (og), Biley)
CHELSEA (1) 2 (Walker, Johnson) 20,353
Derby: Jones, Emery, Buckley, Powell (S), Osgood, Ramage, Powell (B), Clark, Biley, Swindiehurst, Emson.
Chelsea: Borota, Wilkins, Rofe, Bumstead, Droy, Chivers, Britton, Fillery, Johnson, Rhoades-Brown, Walker.

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Shoulder)
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 (Masson) 17,249

Newcastle: Carr, Kelly, Davis, Shoulder, Boam, Barton, Hafferty, Shinton (Cartwright), Clarke, Wharton, Koenen.
Notts County: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien (Wood), Kelly, Kilcline, Richards, McCulloch, Masson, Christie, Hunt, Hooks.

Third Division

BLACKPOOL (0) 0
ROTHERHAM (0) 0 10,427

FULHAM (0) 1 (Lock pen)
COLCHESTER (0) 0 4,250

OXFORD (0) 1 (Shotton pen)
EXETER (1) 2 (Neville, Kellow) 3,751

WALSALL (0) 3 (Penn, Baines, Buckley)
BURNLEY (0) 1 (Taylor) 4,714

Fourth Division

BRADFORD (0) 1 (Galvin)
STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Williams) 3,660

PETERBOROUGH (0) 2 (Cooke, Kellock pen)
HALIFAX (0) 2 (Ward, Firth) 3,885

TORQUAY (1) 1 (Fell)
LINCOLN (2) 2 (Harford 2) 3,568

Bell's Scottish League Cup

(First Round, second-leg)

AIRDRIE (0) 0
KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (Cramond) 3,000
Kilmarnock win on aggregate.

CLYDEBANK (0) 0
ST. JOHNSTONE (0) 0 500
Clydebank win on aggregate.

DUNDEE UTD (1) 4 (Ward 2, Hegarty, Payne)
E. FIFE (0) 0 3,227
Dundee Utd win on aggregate.

FALKIRK (0) 0
RAITH (1) 2 (Ford, Steen) 2,500
Raith win on aggregate.

MORTON (0) 0
AYR (1) 2 (Morris, Armour) 2,000
Ayr win on aggregate.

Scottish Second

MEADOWBANK (0) 1 (McCallan)
ARBROATH (2) 4 (Myles 2, Yule, Hailes) 300

Friday, August 22

Fourth Division

SOUTHEND (1) 2 (Mungall og, Mercer)
TRANMERE (0) 0 4,623

Saturday, August 23

First Division

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0
MANCHESTER UTD (0) 0 28,661
Birmingham: Wealands, Langan, Page, Curbishley, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Bertschin, Worthington, Gemmill, Dillon.
Man. Utd: Roche, Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, Moran (Duxbury), Buchan, McGrath, Coppell, Ritchie, Macari, Thomas.

COVENTRY (0) 3 (Thompson, English, Gillespie)
ARSENAL (0) 1 (Stapleton) 15,399
Coventry: Blyth, Coop, Gillespie, Dyson, Roberts, Blair, Daly, Hunt, Van Gool, Thompson, English.
Arsenal: Jennings, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Hollins, Sunderland, Stapleton, Price (Rice), Rix.

C. PALACE (1) 5 (Allen 3 (1 pen), Seely, Francis)
MIDDLESBROUGH (2) 2 (Ashcroft, Johnston)
C. Palace: Barron, Nicholas, Fenwick, Murphy, Cannon, Gilbert, Smillie, Francis, Allen, Flanagan, Leahy (Sealy).
Middlesbrough: Platt, Craggs, Bailey, Johnston (Burns), Ashcroft, McAndrew, Shearer, Hedley, Hodgson, Nattrass, Armstrong.

EVERTON (0) 0
NOTTM. FOREST (0) 0 25,981
Everton: McDonagh, Gidman, Ratcliffe, Wright, Lyons, McMahon, Hartford, Stanley, Latchford, Eastoe, McBride.
Nottm. Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Needham, Burns, Ponte, Bowyer, Birtles, Wallace, Robertson.

LEICESTER (1) 2 (Peake, Henderson)
LIVERPOOL (0) 0 23,455
Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Gibson, Peake, May, O'Neill, Goodwin, Melrose (Henderson), Young, Wilson, Smith.
Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Lee (Fairclough), Johnston, McDermott, Souness.

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 2 (Tueart pen, Ranson)
ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (Withe 2) 30,017
Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson, Caton, Daley, Booth, Reid, Mackenzie, Tueart, Sugrue, Power, Reeves.
Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.

NORWICH (0) 2 (Fashanu, Woods)
LEEDS (1) 3 (Hart, Graham, Connor) 17,890
Norwich: Hansbury, McDowell (Barham), Bond, Powell, Downs, Mendham, Woods, Paddon, Fashanu, Royle, Goble.
Leeds: Lukic, Greenhoff, Cherry, Madeley, Hart, Flynn, Chandler, Sabella, Connor, Hamson (Thomas), Graham.

STOKE (1) 2 (Ursem, Chapman)
IPSWICH (2) 2 (Brazil, Gates) 10,722
Stoke: Fox, Evans, Hampton, Richardson, Dodd, Thorley, Johnson (Randall), Ursem, Chapman, Bracewell, Cook.
Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil (O'Callaghan), Gates.

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Chris Nicholl (Southampton)

SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Allardyce)
SOUTHAMPTON (2) 2 (Nicholl, George) 41,141
 Sunderland: Turner, Whitworth, Elliott, Chisholm, Allardyce, Bolton, Buckley, Hindmarch, Hawley, Brown, Cummins.
 Southampton: Katalinic, Golac, McCartney, Williams, Watson, Nicholl, Keegan, Channon, George, Holmes, Baker.

TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Crooks, Hoddle)
BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Smith 2) 39,763
 Tottenham: Kendall, Smith, Hughton, Yorath, Lacy, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Villa, Hoddle, Crooks.
 Brighton: Moseley, Gregory, Williams, Horton, Foster, Lawrenson, McHale, Ward, Robinson, Smith, McNab.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION (0) 1 (Regis)
WOLVES (1) 1 (Gray) 25,409
 WBA: Godden, Batson, Statham, Moses, Wile (Brown), Robertson, Robson, Deehan, Regis, Owen, Barnes.
 Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Brazier, Daniel, Hughes, Berry, Hibbitt, Carr, Gray (Clarke), Richards, Evas.

Second Division

BOLTON (2) 4 (Kidd 3, Whatmore)
NEWCASTLE (0) 0 11,835
 Bolton: Peacock, Graham, Burke, Wilson, Jones, Walsh, Gowling, Whatmore, Carter, Kidd, Cantello.
 Newcastle: Carr, Kelly, Davies, Shoulder, Boam, Barton, Rafferty, Shinton, Clarke, Wharton, Koenen (Cartwright).

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0 16,937
 Bristol City: Cashley, Sweeney, Whitehead, Tainton, Gow, Merrick, Fitzpatrick, Mabbutt, Ritchie, Mann, Pritchard.
 Bristol Rovers: Thomas, Gillies, Bater, Mabbutt, Hughes, Lee, McCaffrey, Barrowclough, Williams, Bates, Penny (Pulis).

CAMBRIDGE (1) 3 (Finney, Christie, Spriggs pen)
WATFORD (0) 1 (Poskett) 6,546
 Cambridge: Webster, Donaldson, Murray, Smith, Fallon, Gibbins, Spriggs, Streete, Reilly, Finney, Christie.
 Watford: Steele, Henderson, Jackett, Patching, Sims, Bolton, Blissett, Poskett, Jenkins, Train, Rostron.

GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Ford)
WREXHAM (0) 0 9,175
 Grimsby: Batch, Stone, Moore, Waters, Wigginton, Broily, Ford, Liddell (Kilmore), Mitchell, Cumming.
 Wrexham: Davies, Hill, Dwyer, Jones (F), Jones (J), Carrodus, Vinter, Sutton, Edwards, McNeill, Cartwright.

LUTON (1) 1 (Stein)
DERBY (1) 2 (Osgood, Swindlehurst) 11,025
 Luton: Findley, Stephens, Price, Saxby, Donaghy, Hill, Greulich, Antic, Stein, Bunn (Aizlewood), Moss.
 Derby: Jones, Emery, Buckley, Ramage, Osgood, Powell (B), Emson (Richards), Powell (S), Biley, Swindlehurst, Clark.

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 2 (Christie, McCulloch)
SHEFF. WED (0) 0 10,248
 Notts County: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Kelly, Kilcline, Richards, McCulloch, Masson, Christie, Hunt, Hooks (Mair).
 Sheff. Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Williamson, Smith, Pickering, King, Johnson, Taylor, Mellor (Owen), McCulloch, Curran.

OLDHAM (0) 2 (Kowenicki, Stainrod)
CARDIFF (0) 0 5,960
 Oldham: McDonnell, Hoolickin, Blair, Kowenicki, Clements, Hurst, Wyde, Fitcher, Stainrod, Keegan, Atkinson.
 Cardiff: Grotier, Grapes, Dwyer, Pontin, Thomas, Bishop, Buchanan, Stevens, Ronson, Lewis, Micallef.

ORIENT (1) 1 (Bowles)
BLACKBURN (0) 1 (Speight) 5,057
 Orient: Day, Fisher, Gray, Parsons, Taylor, Roffey, Chiedozie, Coates, Jennings, Bowles, Mayo.
 Blackburn: Arnold, Branagan, Rathbone, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Crawford, Garner, McKenzie, Speight.

PRESTON (0) 0
WEST HAM (0) 0 9,063
 Preston: Tunks, Cameron, McAteer, Bell, Baxter, Blackley (Doyle), Potts, Burns, Elliott, Coleman, McGee.
 West Ham: Parkes, Lampard, Brush, Stewart, Martin, Devonshire, Holland, Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Pike.

Q.P.R. (0) 0
SWANSEA (0) 0 10,854
 QPR: Wood, McCreary, Gillard, Waddock, Wicks, Roeder, Fereday (Hazell), Shanks, Langley, Currie, Burke.
 Swansea: Stewart, Robinson, Rushbury, Craig, Stevenson, Phillips, Attley, Giles, James (L), Toshack, James (R).

SHREWSBURY (1) 2 (Atkins, Biggins)
CHELSEA (2) 2 (Walker, Fillery) 7,370
 Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Keay, Leonard, Griffin, Turner, Tong, Atkins (Lindsay), Biggins, Dungworth, Potts.
 Chelsea: Borota, Rofe, Wilkins, Bumstead, Droy, Nutton, Fillery, Chivers, Johnson (Rhoades-Brown), Britton, Walker.

Third Division

BRENTFORD (1) 1 (Funnell)
READING (1) 2 (Earles, Dixon) 6,720

BURNLEY (1) 1 (Dobson pen)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 5,855

CHESTER (0) 1 (Oakes)
CARLISLE (0) 0 2,007

COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Rowles)
WALSALL (1) 1 (O'Kelly) 1,979

GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Henderson)
BARNLEY (1) 1 (Banks pen) 5,195

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Laverick)
BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Morris) 9,490

HULL (0) 3 (Moss, Edwards, Deacy)
EXETER (1) 3 (Neville 2, Hatch) 3,559

NEWPORT (1) 2 (Tynan (2 pens))
MILLWALL (0) 1 (Mitchell) 6,620

PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Murphy)
CHARLTON (1) 1 (Berry) 6,023

PORTSMOUTH (1) 3 (Gregory, Showers, Bryant)
ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Gooding) 14,767

SHEFFIELD UTD (0) 1 (Hatton)
OXFORD (0) 0 13,600

SWINDON (2) 3 (Rollings, Peach pen, Mayes)
FULHAM (1) 4 (Wilson 2, Davies, Mahoney) 2,892

Fourth Division

ALDRSHOT (2) 2 (Brodie 2)
CREWE (0) 0 2,540

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 2,873

BRADFORD (0) 0
SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 3,177

DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Hamilton, Walsh)
STOCKPORT (0) 2 (Sword, Bradd) 1,920

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ZICO MAKES THINGS DIFFICULT

It looks increasingly like Zico is unhappy with Flamengo and is making things difficult for the club, in order to be sold to an Italian or Spanish team. Things deteriorated when Falcão, the other superstar in Brazilian football, was sold to Roma F.C. and in the process made much more money than Zico is expected to with Flamengo.

As a consequence, Zico's injuries have become even more common than in the past and he didn't go with Flamengo on the team's annual tour of Europe. Zico stayed in Brazil and without him Flamengo are faring badly in Europe.

They lost to F.C. Porto 4-1 and finished last in the Teresa Herrera

competition. The day before they had tied 1-1 with Gijón, in spite of the fact that their opponents had two players sent off, and lost 4-2 on penalties.

Then things became really alarming. The Spanish organisers almost kicked Flamengo out of Spain and announced they are not inviting the team back next year.

This piece of bad news was compounded by the news coming from Italy. Milan cancelled the friendly match planned against Flamengo. The reason? Zico was not playing.

Zico wants to make it very clear that if Flamengo want him, they will have to pay dearly for it. And they already are.



THE Strongest 7 Always Ready 1. Guess which country produced this League result! No, not Zimbabwe. Nor Australia. Nor Uganda — in fact none of the English-speaking countries in the world!

So, ten out of ten for anyone who said the correct answer, Bolivia.

There's another English-sounding club in their First Division by the name of Blooming.

After their 5-1 thrashing by Petrotero their fans presumably lamented 'another Blooming defeat'.

Ivan's missed most

ST. ETIENNE have kicked off the new season without several of their established stars, including Dominique Rocheteau, transferred to Paris St. Germain. But the absence most keenly felt by the fans is that of Ivan Curkovic, the Yugoslav goalkeeper who has been between Les Verts' posts for the last decade, and who has established a reputation for being a model professional both on and off the field.

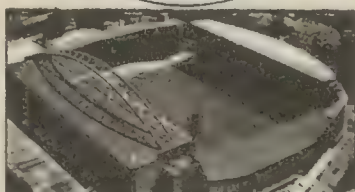
NACIONAL WIN — URUGUAY CELEBRATES

URUGUAYAN Champions Nacional of Montevideo surprisingly proclaimed themselves Champions of South America by beating red-hot favourites Internacional de Porto Alegre in the Final of the Copa Libertadores. Nacional had played out a goalless draw in the first leg in Brazil.

In the return, in Montevideo's Centenario Stadium, the capacity 80,000 fans who'd paid £175,000 at the gates went berserk when Nacional's young international striker Waldemar Victorino converted a cross from full-back José Moreira.

The solitary goal was enough to see Nacional home, to give Uruguay its first success in the competition since Nacional's previous triumph back in 1971.

Regrettably, Nacional — who Brian Clough wants his Forest to meet — are another hard, defence-minded side in the mould of previous winners Olimpia and Boca Juniors, relying on a mixture of youth (such as outstanding central defender Hugo de León) and experience (such as 35-year-old midfielder Victor Espárrago).



SPANISH club Athletic Bilbao have finally approved a £3m plan to modernise their San Mames stadium and to increase its capacity from 40,000 to 51,000.

Now their big problem is to get the work completed in time for the 1982 World Cup Finals, only 21 months away.

News flashes

● FC Seraing, who play in Belgium's Second Division, have signed the two Peruvian internationals, Percy Rojas and Juan Carlos Oblitas, who have had an agent hawking them around Europe all the summer.

● Koloman Gögh, left-back in the Czech's European Championship-winning team in 1976 and one of the survivors who helped take third place during the summer, has been engaged by Australian First Division club VOEST Linz.

● AC Milan are still seeking a new chairman following the suspension of Felice Colombo. They lined up wealthy Milan business man Carlo Bonomi, but after looking at the club books, and realising they were deep in debt, turned down the invitation. It now looks as if the club will spend their first-ever season in Division Two without a chairman.

● Former manager of Hungary and Pern, Lajos Baroti is drawing a pension from the state in Hungary but has come out of retirement in response to a plea from Benfica to re-build their team... "in a modern manner." After his first training session, Baroti told the Press: "Hall

the team will have to be changed. The players think and play too slowly." Making life difficult for Baroti, Benfica have little money with which to buy new players.

● Mitsubishi are not one of the short advertisers in the Bundesliga, but they sponsored a four-sided tournament in Cologne recently. They provided a solid silver cup for the winners, guaranteed each of the four participants at least £20,000 plus all expenses and all told say Mitsubishi it cost them £½ million.

● After Eintracht Frankfurt's Cha-Bum (below) proved that Asian players are up to the Bundesliga standard, VfL Bochum now have Huh Chon-Moo, another South Korean with 35 caps, on a month's trial.



● West Germany are sending their Youth squad to play in Moscow from Jan. 4th to 12th. Russia, Holland, France and Spain are also taking part in a

series proposed by Russian FIFA Vice-President Valentin Granatkin. All the games will be played in the indoor stadium with a full size pitch in Moscow.

● Swiss First Division club FC St. Gallen have signed the 31-year-old Polish international sweeper Jerzy Gorgon. Formerly with Gornik Zabrze, Gorgon helped put England out of the 1974 World Cup.

● Strange result in the Argentine provincial tournament in San Juan — San Martin 17 Del Bono 1. The Del Bono first team had refused to turn out because of 'economic problems' and the club hurriedly scraped together a mixture of their Youth and Junior teams!

● Tickets for the great concrete balcony (seating area) at Maracanã have gone up for the Rio regional Championship, from £0.60 to £1. Referees have also received an increase in their payments. They will now receive £120 per match.

● América of Rio beat the national team of Qatar by 2-0. Only 729 people turned up at the Andaraí Stadium in the Brazilian soccer capital.

● Borussia Dortmund have a record 5,204 season ticket holders this season, which gave the club a cash boost of around £400,000 at the start of the campaign.

WHAT A SHOWER!

THERE'S no shortage of picturesque stories as several of Argentina's top clubs run deeper and deeper into financial difficulties.

The latest comes from Claudio Marangoni's old club San Lorenzo (remember they used Sunderland's transfer cash to pay the team's back wages?), where the directors had to have a whip-round to buy towels and soap for the dressing-room.

In the event, the washing gear wasn't needed — San Lorenzo can't pay their electricity bills either, so the players have to go home without their hot shower!



Woodcock's big bonuses

THE FIRST goal of the new Bundesliga season was scored by one of the 32 foreign stars in the West German League, Atli Edvaldsson (left), the Icelfander of Borussia Dortmund.

There are 369 registered Bundesliga players, Tony Woodcock's Cologne having the most — 24. Bayern Munich, HSV and VfL Bochum have the least — 17 each.

The oldest player is 38-year-old 1966 World Cup winger Sig. Held (Bayer

Uerdingen), the youngest 18-year-old Michael Optiz of Schalke 04.

Wolfgang Knieb, the Bielefeld 'keeper is the Bundesliga's 'giant' at 6ft 5ins, while Horst Raubold of 1860 Munich stands just 5ft 5ins, the League's smallest star.

Cologne are on a reputed £750 a man win bonus and £450 for a draw. As many West German critics expect Cologne to win the title, Woody should be in for a bumper season.

"The experience of Emlyn Hughes in Europe should prove invaluable to Wolves. I have never played in Europe with Wolves, but did so at Dundee United and Villa (right)."



WOLVES could be the surprise team of Europe this season. We kick-off our UEFA Cup campaign in Eindhoven against PSV next week and the usual tactics for an away side are to defend on the opposition's ground.

I'm not suggesting we'll throw all caution to the wind, but as we showed in earning our European place by winning the League Cup, most of our best performances were away from Molineux.

We're very good at the counter-attack and have the players who can turn defence into attack in seconds.

I'm happy that the first-leg is in Holland. I prefer knowing exactly what has to be done in the home tie when, roared on by your own fans, you can lift yourself and pull back any deficit easier than if you were playing away.

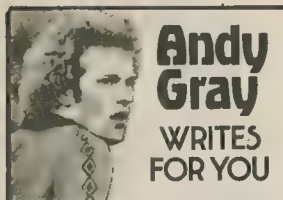
On paper, it looks like two great games in the making. PSV aren't the team they were a few years ago; like Dutch football in general, the overall standard has slipped.

Gone are the days when Ajax and Feyenoord ruled Europe, while the national side has lost too many world-class players to be a force.

Having said that, I have a great deal of admiration for the Dutch,



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whatever their present standing, especially their ball-skills. For instance, Holland disappointed in the European Championship, but now and again we saw what they are capable of.

One of the few Dutch players to emerge with credit in Italy was winger Rene Van der Kerkhof who, with his twin brother Willie, are PSV's best-known stars.

I wasn't aware until recently that Teddy Maybank had signed for them — he'll know a thing or two about us, I'm sure.

PSV are experienced European campaigners and when the draw was made, I must confess I was hoping for a slightly easier task to 'break ourselves in' to the Euro scene again.

Mind you, Wolves aren't short on experience. Most of us have played at this level at one time or another, notably Emlyn Hughes, of course.

Geoff Palmer, Derek Parkin, Willie Carr, Kenny Hibbitt and John Richards are 'veterans' from our last European campaign during the 70's, while I have played European football with both my previous clubs, Dundee United and Aston Villa.

At least travelling to Holland presents few problems. As they say, better the devil you know . . . I remember going to Rumania with

United and it was terrible. The hotel was poor, the food almost inedible and an air of depression hung over the place.

One of the ties I remember most was against Athletic Bilbao in Spain. They have a fabulous stadium, where the atmosphere was electric. Not so much hostile, although they naturally wanted Athletic to win, but charged with emotion.

We'd won 2-0 at Villa Park and fought magnificently to draw 1-1, thanks to a goal by Dennis Mortimer. At the end, the Bilbao fans gave us a standing ovation.

I love European football. It's a different challenge, playing against new teams and new players. PSV won't exactly be unknown, but the way they play will be different from any First Division team in England.

More Effort

They'll use man-for-man marking, which nobody here does. This calls for even more effort than usual, with a lot of what may appear to be worthless running. The idea, though, is to drag your marker out of position, making space for others.

Even though I've been with Wolves only a year, I'm very much aware of the tradition of the side of the 50's. Before the European Cup got going, Wolves played a lot of prestige friendlies against top Continental clubs and fans still talk about those exploits today.

My aim — and I speak for all the players, I'm sure — is to make the supporters talk about the side of the 80's, not the 'glorious 50's'.

English clubs have a good record in Europe, one not really matched by the national team at international level. Obviously the Scots, Welsh and Irish players available to the



EUROPE!



"Coventry's Andy Blair could be a star of the future if he maintains his progress."

I said before the start of the season that things would be harder for us this time round; teams have more respect for us now and we have to learn to live with this.

Against Cambridge, it was a time for players to look at themselves and not others. Hopefully, that performance was a one-off.

Back to Coventry, who are a club I have tremendous respect for. They must be one of the best run clubs in the League, although as an outsider I wonder if their fans would prefer them to be a little more in debt and higher in the table.

Still, they keep finding youngsters to replace the stars they sell and two in the current side I rate very highly are Andy Blair and Garry Thompson. Once he adds more aggression to his game, Garry will be a first-class centre-forward.

Whatever the Sky Blues do, they don't seem to be able to attract the fans, which tends to indicate that Coventry is a bad area in that respect. Shame, because the facilities at Highfield Road are superb and the team is full of young talent.

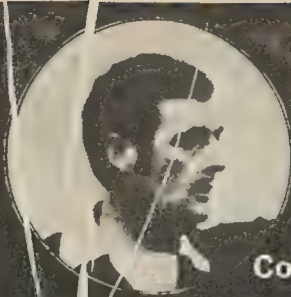
Join me in two weeks,

Andy Blair

clubs make a big difference, although I can't help feeling that there are still many top-class stars available to the England team ... it's getting the right blend.

Before PSV we take on Coventry City at Molineux. Last season we won on each other's grounds — and two points before we set off for Holland would be a real confidence-booster.

Our form so far this season has been reasonable, except for that disastrous night when we lost 3-1 at Cambridge in the League Cup. We let the supporters down, we let the management down and most of all we let ourselves down.



YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

1

At half time one team changes their boots without permission. Should you: (a) tell the team to change back, (b) allow the team to continue playing after checking the boots conform, or (c) ignore the action by the team?

2

A player prefers to play in plimsolls instead of boots. Should you: (a) accept this or (b) refuse the player permission to come on to the field?



3

A player deliberately provokes an opponent by putting his fingers in his eyes. The opponent retaliates by kicking the player. Should you: (a) send the first player off, (b) send both players off or (c) warn both players?

4

Should you allow a player to change his shorts without leaving the field?



5

Before a corner is taken a player asks you to watch an opponent as he feels he might commit an offence. Should you: (a) take no action, (b) accept the player's views or (c) caution the player for ungentlemanly conduct?



ANSWERS

1. Allow the team to continue playing after checking the boots conform (b).
2. Refuse the player permission to come back on to the field (b). 3. Send both players off (b). 4. No. 5. Accept the player's view (b). In a match between Nottingham Forest and Manchester United, Peter Shilton, the Nottingham keeper, asked me to watch a United forward who was standing close to him on the goal line before the corner had been taken. I agreed to do this but I told Peter, as I tell all defending players who ask the same question, "I will also watch you do not commit an offence."

DALY'S DELAYED MOVE

THE signing of Republic of Ireland international Gerry Daly for Coventry City came off at the start of this season — rather more than 12 months after the offer was made. What's more, Daly said "yes" to Coventry manager Gordon Milne over a year after rejecting the club as a possible new home.

The strange story of Daly's delayed transfer involves a couple of hard years for the former Manchester United and Derby County midfielder man.

Daly has had two years of problems, on and off the field, all of which culminated in a summer right away from the game.

"I'd gone stale, needed a complete break and felt much better for it," he explained. "When Gordon Milne came in for me a year ago, I just didn't feel it was the right thing to do in my mind.

"You've got to be 100 per cent certain about a transfer in your own mind, and I wasn't at that time. That's why I turned down Coventry."

But Milne's persistence paid off. Daly admits he hadn't played to his potential for a couple of years and things were looking none too bright.

He was preparing for a season in Division Two with Derby County, when Milne again picked up the telephone to see if Daly was interested.

"The manager didn't want me to leave Derby but the club had been struggling for money and hadn't been in a very healthy financial position.

"But from my own point of view, I was absolutely certain this time was right. I hadn't been sure before, but now I felt clear in my mind about the move. That's the only explanation I can offer."

So Daly signed in a £350,000 deal. Manager Gordon Milne, delighted at his capture after a long wait, said: "I've got a real bargain — Gerry has the potential to re-establish himself as one of the best midfield players in the country."

Re-establish? As Daly himself admits, the last two seasons have been pretty disastrous from a personal point of view.

Tommy Docherty's time at the Baseball Ground and Daly's problems in getting on with 'The Doc', his injury problems and consequent loss of form and, finally, a physical and mental staleness with football, all combined to create confusion.

"I played in America for two summers and by the end of it all,



"I'd gone stale," says Daly. "I badly needed a rest and I had a good one this summer. But I'd also had awful injury problems over the course of the last two seasons here and that didn't help much.

"What also didn't help my peace of mind at Derby were the constant rumours that I'd be leaving the club.

"I was happy at Derby for much of the time, but what made me more agitated were the constant stories and suggestions that I was going here, there and everywhere. I got sick of it. Every time I picked up a paper, I was going to some club somewhere.

'Opinion'

"But don't get the wrong idea," he says. "I didn't leave Derby just because they were in the Second Division. I've played in Division Two before now, with Manchester United, and my opinion is that there's not as much difference as people might imagine.

"There may be some better teams and players in the First, but it's damned hard in both Divisions. United found that and there are still some good teams in Division Two.

"Coventry could have been in the Second Division for all I cared. I wanted to sign for them when I did, and where they were at the time didn't matter to me.

"Now, I hope to find that best form of mine, which has been lacking for a couple of years. I played some games with Derby and played quite well in some. But I feel I should have done a lot better and I want to find that best form for Coventry.

"There are plenty of kids here and they may need some experience. That's where I'll fit in, even though I'm still only 26. We started off with a draw against Liverpool, then we beat Arsenal and Manchester United, so there can't be too much wrong here. I'm looking forward to it tremendously."



Gerry Daly's form suffered under the management of Tommy Docherty (left). He hopes it will improve under Gordon Milne (above, right) his new boss at Coventry.



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WEIGHT: 11 stone
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MARRIED: Engaged to Jane
CAR: Reliant Robin (club car)
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Financial Times
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Colin Todd
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Terry Lees
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Crystal Palace
FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: George Best
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis, golf, cricket, snooker
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: None
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Beating Chelsea 5-1 in last season's Second Division promotion race
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Relegation two seasons ago
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: Millwall
FAVOURITE FOOD & DRINK: Baked beans, steak & chips, Pils lager
NICKNAME: Billy & Bamba
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Thursday (pay day)/Nosey people and troublemakers (tax man)
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Austria
FAVOURITE T.V. STAR, MALE AND FEMALE: Mrs Honeyman (Trumpton) and William Conrad (Frank Cannon)
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Snooker
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Police and Brian Cooksey singing 'Feelings'
AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: Go for a drink with fiancée
BEST FRIEND: My fiancée Jane
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Under 21 caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To play for my country and be successful in all I do
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Nut and bolt packer
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Jimmy Connors



SHOOT!

SWANSEA CITY

ETCHERS SWANSEA WALES SCAFFOLD TERRY DAVIES SON



BACK ROW (left-to-right): Wyndham Evans, David Giles, Glan Letheren, David Stewart, Brian Attley.
MIDDLE ROW: Terry Medwin (assistant manager), Leigh-ton James, John Mahoney, Chris Marustik, Alan Waddle,

Nigel Stevenson, Neil Robinson, Phil Boersma (coach).
FRONT ROW: Ian Callaghan, Tommy Craig, Leighton Phillips, John Toshack (player-manager), Jeremy Charles, Robbie James, Dave Rushbury.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

AT first Swansea's players thought there was a sniper in the crowd — the crack sounded just like a pistol shot cutting sharply across the normal noise from the terraces and the shouts on the pitch. It was not, in fact an assassination attempt but Robbie James bursting an ear drum!

In a collision with Cambridge's Tom Finney, the ear drum shattered. So did the target of the 25-year-old striker to finish the season as the club's top scorer.

To the millions who watched Wales crush England in the opening match of the British Championship, it seemed that they had all the players they needed to win the title outright. When they lost Ian Walsh early in the following game against Scotland at Hampden

over. He started it — his first in the Second Division — with a thigh strain which prevented one of the hardest shots in British football from employing his most dangerous weapon: he finished it totally on the sidelines.

"It's marvellous to be fit again," says James. "After two consecutive promotions at the Vetch Field and then winning my place with Wales, I was more excited about last season than any other in my career. With the two injuries, it hardly got started."

James in full flight is a brilliant performer and he must be one of the few players in football to have happily rejected Arsenal and never allowed one moment of regret to cross his mind. He went to Highbury as a 17-year-old, played one

SWANSEA favourites for First

Park, however, the heart was ripped out of the attack.

It was then obvious how Wales missed the pace, thrustful running and ferocious shooting of James as a central striker.

"Mike England did contact Swansea to see if I was fit but I was in no shape to play for Wales," says James sadly. "That accidental clash of heads had kept me out of the game since mid-March."

"Although I started training, I was a long way short of being match fit. Especially for international football which demands so much in terms of speed off the mark, competitive 'edge' and confident form. Now I have to make up for lost time."

Talented

There is no shortage of chances. Swansea City, the club for which the richly talented James has now amassed over 300 games (at 23, he can break just about every appearance record in football), are among the promotion favourites in the Second Division: Wales, too, hustle into World Cup action with vital games at Cardiff against Turkey and Czechoslovakia.

"I've two targets straight off: to help The Swans finish in the top three and regain that Wales place," says James.

"I always look for around 20 goals a season and I rate anything above that as a bonus. But, after last season, I'm reckoning that I deserve a bonus!"

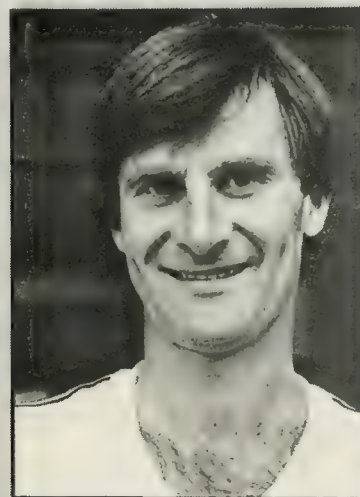
That is James serving notice that his season of frustration is



Leighton Phillips (right) and Robbie James (above right) have the necessary qualities to help Swansea manager John Toshack (above) guide his team into the First Division.

Combination game and was on the train home desperately homesick the following day.

"It just wasn't the place for me," he confirms. "Although a chance to join Aston Villa followed the trial with Arsenal, I've never wanted to play for anyone but my hometown club. The way it has worked out at the Vetch Field under John Toshack in the past few years means — hopefully — that I'll never have to."



James is one of the gems in the glittering attacking line up that Toshack has assembled at Swansea. As well as these two, there are Leighton James, David Giles and the player who must surely become the fifth international in the striking position — Jeremy Charles.

But Toshack has been realistic enough not to abandon all else for the sake of attack. Nigel Stevenson and Leighton Phillips have

developed a tremendous understanding at the centre of the defence.

Goalkeeper David Stewart has brought an air of confidence to the side, and former internationals Ian Callaghan, Tommy Craig and John Mahoney have the necessary experience to balance the youthful zest at Swansea.

"We really feel that we can finish in the top three. We believe that we have the quality, the experience and the ambition," continues James.

"Although I passed up those chances six years ago to play in the First, that's where my ambitions lie. Every time I've played against teams from the top level, I've enjoyed myself. The freedom to 'play' is the most exciting prospect of all."

"In the Fourth, the Third and even the Second, I've become accustomed to being closed down all over the pitch. The First Division sides don't do that. The midfield is all yours and you don't find the challenges coming in until you are into their penalty areas."

If Swansea live up to expectations this season, the First Division could have a new star on the way. "Last season has made me more determined than ever," James concludes.

SHAUN BROOKS

Palace's other footballing son

EVERY season throws up a new young star, someone emerging from the shadows of youth and reserve team football to become an overnight sensation and grab the back page headlines. West Ham's Paul Allen did it at Wembley last season.

It is a fate most young footballers half-desire and half-fear.

And if you happen to be the son of a famous footballing father, the pressures are even greater. Everyone expects you to become that new young star the team has been waiting for.

But, down at the sensible levels of the Crystal Palace youth and reserve sides, there is a common sense approach to bleeding young talent and to coaching it in the best things in the game. And that is why Shaun Brooks, Palace's 17-year-old England youth midfield star, chose the quiet way to success instead of following in his father's more-hallowed footsteps at White Hart Lane.

"I could have gone to one of several different clubs," he said. "I was approached and trained with Luton, Spurs, Arsenal, Palace, West Ham and Ipswich."

"I didn't go to join Spurs, one of the clubs I was interested in, when they were giving me the chance. It was partly because I did not always want to be referred to as Johnny Brooks' son, and partly because I was so impressed with Palace. Particularly with Johnny Cartwright."

Shaun, a former England schoolboy in the same side as Manchester City's defensive prodigy Tommy Caton, and a big buddy of West Ham's own cherubic star Paul Allen — they room together on England Youth trips — plays and talks with the same skill and passion as his father.

Ability

Back in the pre-maximum wage days of 1957 his father, now coaching teams in Stevenage and North Herts, was an England and Spurs star, an inside forward known for his ball skills and his passing ability. He played three times for England.

So far young Shaun has little more than squad experience of the first team atmosphere at Palace, where he broke into the first team and made his first appearance as a substitute at the end of last season, replacing Paul Hinshelwood in a 1-0 win at home to Leeds.

"I hope to make the breakthrough this season, but there is no point in rushing," he said. "I particularly admire skilful players. I have spent hours working on mine. Dad and I still spend hours together in the park when I am home and we have the time. At Palace there is a terrific attitude to everything. It is top quality."

"I was never pushed into becoming a professional, but it is the only thing I know. I was brought up in a football household so we lived and breathed it all the time. I never thought of anything else and I have never wanted to be anything else."

"I have not got any other qualifications at all so I suppose I would be lost if I was put out of the game. But I know I am learning all the time down at Palace."

Early in his career Brooks junior got rave notices when he cracked in a beautiful free-kick for England schoolboys against France at Wembley in a 3-3 draw. The threshold of his career, of following his father's steps to the top, drew close.

But by choosing Palace, a club that has produced a prodigious amount of young talent in its successful youth sides in recent years, he avoided the harsh glare of glamorous expectation.



Johnny Cartwright holds him in high regard. He said: "He is a very good player and he has done very well with us. But he has still got to learn to be more forthright with his game. He will learn all the right things at Palace."

Manager Terry Venables was more cautious: "He is doing well with the first team squad and could be on the breakthrough this year."

Two men who know a player when they see one. If they are reluctant to declare an ace up their sleeve it is to protect another youngster from the headlines that thrust Caton, Paul Allen and Shaun Brooks' new teenager team-mate Clive Allen into the headlines before their time.

Times have not been easy down at Selhurst Park so far this season. Results have not gone as well as expected, and a shattering injury list has left Venables with a rapidly dwindling squad from which to select his team.

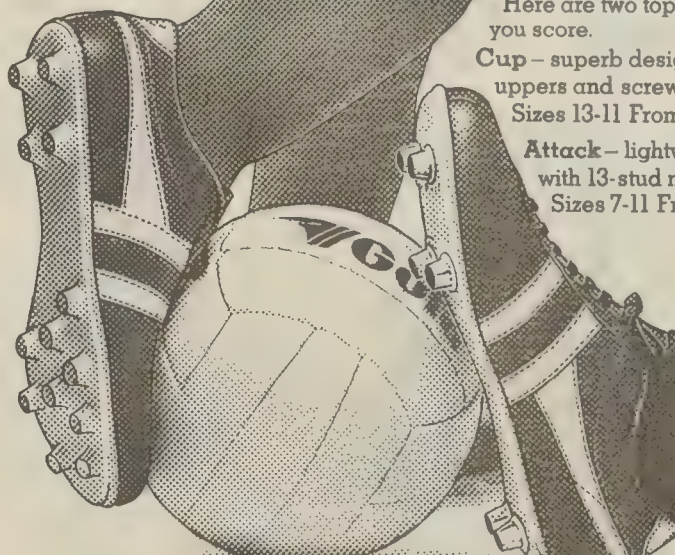
In a normal situation, Brooks may have expected his call-up under such circumstances, but his manager is aware of the need to protect him from the demands of the Palace fans.

Experience is the key commodity at Palace at the moment, and that is the only quality which Brooks is lacking at present.

Injuries may ultimately force Venables to select young Shaun Brooks, but he makes a plea on behalf of his young midfield player. "I can only ask the Palace fans not to expect too much from young Shaun too soon."

"He is going to be a good player, but it is essential that his confidence is not shattered by our present predicament."

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ONCE-PROUD, once-feared, once-mighty Hibs — a side with potentially the biggest drawing support outside Celtic, Rangers and Aberdeen in Scotland — now know what the First Division is all about after relegation last season.

They tumbled out of the Premier Division vowing they would be back in one year. They fully realise now that promotion is not something that will come easily.

In their first game in the middle Division they met part-time Raith Rovers at Easter Road. Only 3,500 fans bothered to attend and they didn't go home too happy when Hibs slipped to an inglorious 1-0 defeat.

Underlining the hardships to come, millionaire chairman Tom Hart, the man who paid £2,000 from his own pocket to finance George Best's excursion into Scottish soccer, says: "I think the chief contenders for promotion will be ourselves, Motherwell, Dundee and Ayr United.

"We play them all at home and twice away. It won't be easy."

Hibs attempted to boost themselves by bidding £100,000 for St. Johnstone's consistent marksman John Brogan but, unfortunately for the Easter Road club, the deal fell through at the last minute.

The goals of Brogan would have been vital for Hibs, who have already admitted that they do not expect big crowds at home matches and will not even bother opening their terraces to the public!

If the season doesn't turn out as expected, Hibs will be in dire trouble. They have just spent £50,000 on undersoil heating, but it will not prove to be a great investment if crowds continue to drop.

Hibs are finding it difficult to attract the fans when the weather is fine for football, so can they really expect the supporters to come out in vast numbers when the snow is thick on the ground despite the fact the game will be a certain starter?

Willie Ormond has been reshaping the team, giving Arthur Duncan another switch from defence into attack. Jackie McNamara, who played all last season as sweeper, has moved into the middle of the park. Peter Cormack, bought to put some pep back into the midfield, has been sitting it out as a substitute.

Believer

It is sad for Scottish soccer that one of its potential giants should be struggling in the First Division but, despite the bad start, Willie Ormond is a firm believer that "the League race is a marathon and not a sprint. I've been over this ground with Hearts."

The bookies have installed Hibs as firm favourites not only to clinch promotion, but to go on and lift the League title.

Alas, though, there is no magic wand at Easter Road... just a long, hard road back to the top.

New heart in Hibs



Down but not out —
midfield man Jackie
McNamara.

'Why gates are falling'

I'VE NEVER experienced such an agonising start to a new season.

For the first time in my career injury has caused me to miss not only the pre-season build-up but the first month of the real action.

As you know, I had planned to make a comeback at Tottenham on September 6th, but my ankle injury was still causing problems.

Apparently, this isn't unusual with this type of injury. You think you've almost recovered but then hit a sticky patch that sets you back. That's what happened in my case.

I'm so disappointed I can't bring myself to watch Manchester United's home games. Going to Old Trafford, seeing the immaculate pitch, hearing the packed crowd, being asked for my autograph and getting caught up in the atmosphere would be too much.

I've watched the lads in action away, though, at Wolves and Birmingham. That wasn't quite so bad.

My comeback trail started in the remedial gymnasium at The Cliff a few weeks ago. Just light training at first to raise a sweat and get myself into some sort of condition.

Then I did some jogging and circuit training to strengthen hamstrings and thigh muscles to avoid pulls and strains when I do get back.

United's start of the season casualty list is incredible. Apart from myself, Joe Jordan, Ray Wilkins, Gary Bailey and Ashley Grimes have been, or are still missing because of injury.

Even my stand-in Kevin Moran is out at the moment, after injuring an Achilles tendon at Birmingham City on August 23rd.

Considering the number of first team players missing United have

made a satisfactory start.

After beating Middlesbrough in the opening game, we lost at Wolves, dropped a point at Birmingham, lost to Coventry in the first-leg of our League Cup-tie and then drew with Sunderland.

The team came in for a fair amount of criticism following our 0-0 draw at St. Andrews. We were slated in the Press and accused of being too defensive.

That was unfair. I don't know what people expect. I'd like to see others cope with our injury problems and play their normal game.

When a team is below strength you don't have as many opportunities to attack as usual because the opposition capitalises on your weaknesses.

Hammered

Fans will see the old attacking United when all the senior players are back in harness, believe me.

But United aren't the only club to be hammered by sections of the media. Champions Liverpool have suffered a few set-backs, including those shock defeats at newly-promoted Leicester City, and Bradford in the League Cup.

The Reds from Anfield haven't looked quite so super, but it's early days yet. And past experience warns that Liverpool are at their most dangerous when written off.

A pleasant surprise this season has been Southampton's sensational start and the way Kevin Keegan's presence has influenced Mike Channon and Charlie George.

The ever-present threat of hooliganism is driving the real fans away from the game.



MY SOCCER
WORLD

Gordon
McQueen



United were criticised for playing too
defensively in a goalless draw at
Birmingham.



These two old hands are playing out of their skins at the moment, as if given a new lease of life. There's a purpose in their game I'd thought lost forever.

Kevin certainly has got Saints buzzing and posing a real threat earlier than I expected.

Thank goodness Kevin has returned to English football. At least the crowds flock to see him.

Apart from Southampton, Liverpool and, of course, United, gates have dipped alarmingly.

Someone told me they were already down by half-a-million.

The economic climate has obviously taken its toll. With fares and admission prices all increased, watching soccer can be an expensive business these days, especially if you take your family along.

Hooliganism still remains the main cause for keeping fans away. People are simply too afraid to watch football.

A few years ago you could drive to a game, stand on the terraces, cheer your team on, indulge in banter with opposing fans and all without a hint of serious trouble.

There's no good humour now.

When I went to the Wolves and Birmingham matches I was very wary of what might happen. There was an uneasy atmosphere. What a tragic state of affairs.

A pal said he thought the problem was easing. To my mind it's as bad as ever. People just accept this cancer as part of the game and the media don't give hooligans as much coverage as before.

Extreme

But these mindless morons are still very much with us and until they are wiped out crowds will continue to fall.

I don't know a solution, no one does. A complete ban on supporters travelling away would help, but that's an extreme measure.

Stiffer prison sentences and higher fines don't even deter the terrace terrors.

One United follower — I won't call him a supporter — said fighting, causing aggro and damaging property is part of the fun.

"You don't go to matches to watch football," he said in a

national newspaper. "If you want to do that you can see it on telly."

If any SHOOT reader can understand that mentality perhaps they could let me know.

You can't put all the blame for falling gates on these savages, though. The lack of big names, superstars if you like, is one reason.

When I was a lad there were a dozen or so crowd-pullers, players fans would travel miles to see.

Now there are only four in my opinion — Trevor Francis, Kevin Keegan, Kenny Dalglish and Ossie Ardiles.

The characters are a dying breed because of the fear in football.

Managers and coaches are afraid of losing, so teams are much more tactically minded. Players need to be more disciplined and are expected to fit into a pattern rather than display individual flair.

United won't need a superstar to fill Old Trafford for the visit of Widzew Lodz — our U.E.F.A. Cup First Round opponents next week.

This could prove a tricky tie. From all accounts the Poles are a very useful team from a country where

football is buoyant at the moment.

All at United had obviously hoped for an easy draw first time out, especially with our injury crisis.

As I've said before, it's vital United do well in Europe if we are to be considered a major force again.

The Poles will be a tough hurdle, but one we must get over.

Just time to mention United's match against Leicester at Old Trafford this Saturday (September 13th).

Despite their win over Liverpool, I'm still not sure how Jock Wallace's side will fare this season.

Apart from one or two exceptions like Forest, newly promoted clubs rarely make much of an impact first season back.

See you in two weeks' time when I hope to have recovered from my injury.

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PEOPLE who regard top professional footballers as a greedy, grasping lot, out for every penny they can get, would realise they are not ALL like that if they met David O'Leary.

For the quietly spoken, unassuming Irishman is one of the nicest men in the business — a broth of a boyo who feels he is privileged to kick a ball for a living.

Although he is, without doubt, the most stylish central defender in Europe, O'Leary never gets the publicity his massive talents deserve.

He never goes hunting for headlines and is quite happy to get on

way and made sure I never stepped out of line," he says.

And the folks back home in Dublin have glowed with pride as their eldest son has appeared in four Cup Finals in the past three seasons — three F.A. Cup, one Cup-Winners' Cup.

"That's more than most players get in a lifetime and I still can't believe all that's happened to me at such a young age," admits O'Leary.

"A lot of people I respect have said some very nice things about me. I really do think I'm the luckiest fella in the world to play football for a living.

enough to cope with anything and anybody in this game — so go out and enjoy yourself."

"All my nerves vanished after that. I did enjoy myself and to make things even better we got a draw.

"I have a lot of time for Johnny Giles. He has done a lot in the game and proved a big help to me every time I pulled on the green shirt of Ireland.

"So has Don Howe, the taskmaster who does the coaching now.

He is a superb tactician, who knows the game inside out.

"The only real complaint I have is that some people regard me as a veteran because I have been in the Arsenal team so long.

"I got in the side at 17, wearing the No. 6 shirt alongside that great character Terry Mancini.

"Chippy Brady, now with Juventus, was making his mark at that time and other lads who followed quickly after me were Frank Stapleton and Graham Rix."

O'Leary's boyhood idol was the great Franz Beckenbauer.

David is well on the way to becoming just as outstanding a player and before his career is over the name O'Leary will be equally well known around the world.



O'Leary's idol
the great Franz
Beckenbauer.



with his job in the usual quiet manner and let others get the glory.

"It's not my style to put myself about and get my name in the news," says the 22-year-old O'Leary — an Arsenal regular for the last five years.

"I just regard myself as very lucky to have achieved my boyhood dream of becoming a pro footballer.

"One or two people have told me I'm too quiet. But that's the way I'm made and I can't change that, even if I wanted to.

"And I don't. I'm quite happy with things the way they are, for you don't get far by hollering and shouting all the time."

O'Leary has a solid, happy family background and he is quick to thank his parents for all they have done for him.

"My folks have been tremendous and I owe them a great deal. They have brought me up the right

"I never stop being thankful for that. Because, in this business, we are called on to make a lot of hospital visits — and when I see young kids confined to bed, unable to walk, it makes me realise just how lucky I am.

"Everything I ever dreamed about has come true for me and I keep wondering if one day it will all collapse and bring me crashing down to earth with a bump.

"As a kid I used to stand on the terraces at Dalymount Park, in Dublin, dreaming of being a professional and playing at Wembley.

"And it was at Wembley that I made my debut for the Republic of Ireland, against England.

"I was only 18 at the time. But I had a tremendous boost when we were training on the pitch the day before the game.

"I was feeling nervous, naturally, when Irish boss Johnny Giles came across and said 'Don't worry about a thing. You are good



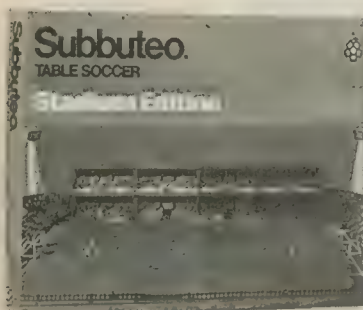
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RAIMONDO Ponte, our new signing from Switzerland, took no time at all to make himself a big favourite with Nottingham Forest fans.

And it's easy to understand why because supporters have been looking to latch on to a player like him ever since Archie Gemmill left for Birmingham City.

Like Archie, Raimondo's a busy player and his non-stop running is something that crowds love. On top of that Raimondo's also a very skilful player and, as he showed on his home debut against Birmingham, he's got an eye for goal.

He cracked a fine effort in that



night from a free-kick and that capped a marvellous 90 minutes for him. That goal made certain he would be an instant favourite and when the crowd started chanting "Ponte for England" it must have made his night.

The match against Birmingham was tailor-made for him. There was

'WALLACE HAS MADE A MISTAKE'

YOU can count me as one of Jock Wallace's biggest fans for the way he has revitalised Leicester City, our opponents this Saturday.

But I must admit that I did disagree with one of his moves this season, when he made my old mate Mark Wallington captain.

That's not meant as any disrespect to Mark, but I've always thought that a goalkeeper's job carried enough responsibility without the added burden of being captain.

The only time I've led a side out was at schoolboy level as an outfield player but as for captaining the side now, I just don't think it's on.

I can shout encouragement and so on to my back four and possibly some of our midfield players, but for the vast majority of any game I'm totally detached from our front men.

And the way I look at it, it's vitally important that a captain is in contact with the whole of his side throughout a game.

Indication

The fact that Jock did choose Mark as his captain in succession to Eddie Kelly is a further indication of how young the Leicester side is. Perhaps on grounds of experience there were not too many other candidates.

I only hope that inexperience does not prove to be their undoing this season and a time might arise when Jock has got to go into the transfer market and add a player or two who has been around the game for some time.

Jock did a magnificent job in stopping Leicester's downward trend and pointing them in the direction of the First Division so quickly. In fact, their promotion possibly came a little bit too early for them.

They will be happy to stay alive this season and consolidate after that, but I'm certain that Jock Wallace is not the kind of man to settle for anything but aiming for the top.



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a lot of space and he got the opportunities to reveal the qualities that the boss saw in him when he moved from Grasshoppers Zurich.

But I think he realises that it won't always be like that and there are times when he'll find himself in matches where there is hardly room to breathe.

But he's a great little character and I'm sure he's going to battle as hard as he can to make a lasting impression in English football.

One thing I am certain of, he is going to prove a formidable opponent for England when he faces us in the World Cup qualifying games with Switzerland.

It is amazing just how quickly

Raimondo has settled into the swing of things at Forest's City Ground.

Watching him in action, you would never guess that he has been with us only a matter of weeks rather than years, and his midfield ability has proved the perfect foil for John McGovern and Martin O'Neill, who are playing as well as ever with our newcomer.

Raimondo's also very determined to master the English language. Just being with us has improved his English but that wasn't enough for Raimondo, who has taken himself off for lessons to try and master it quicker.

And that's typical of him.



'INJURED TREVOR STILL INVOLVED'

TREVOR Francis is showing at the moment why he's such a credit to the game — and he hasn't kicked a ball for more than four months!

As you know Trevor is fighting his way back to fitness after an Achilles tendon operation at the end of last season . . . and the way he is settling about the job is tremendous.

I've seen a lot of players in his situation and they let their heads drop down to their knees because of the disappointment of being out of the game for a long period.

But, apart from the fact that he's obviously not joining us for training or figuring in any games, Trevor has remained as much involved with the rest of the lads as possible.

It's a difficult time for him but right from the start, when he had to accept the massive disappointment of not being in the European Cup Final or in England's squad for the European Championship, his attitude has been spot-on.

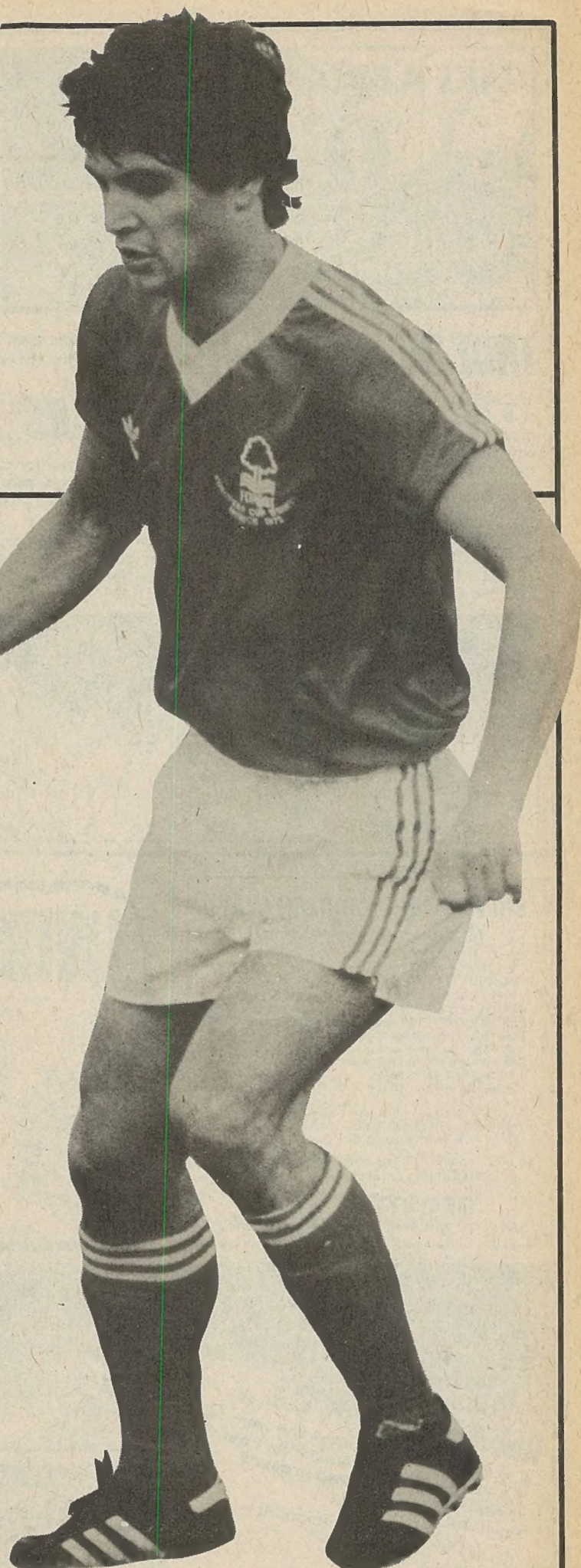
And to see him now walking around the ground he's remained as cheerful and pleasant as always.

He's obviously been with us for things like team photographs, but whenever possible he's been involved with team discussions and other matters like joining us at our hotel for pre-match meals.

They might sound little things but it's all part of the important business of keeping in touch at a time when it's all too easy to feel an outsider.

If his attitude is right — which it is — it can only assist his full recovery in the quickest possible time.

Steve Carlton



TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Crystal Palace were the first club from the Third Division to reach the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals when they lost 2-0 to Southampton in 1976.

2. In October, 1968, Chelsea boss Geoff Hurst scored six goals for West Ham in a League game against Sunderland at Upton Park.

3. Real Madrid (below) won the first five European Cup Finals.



4. Scottish Premier clubs play 30 League games during their season.

PAST STARS...

1. Sir Matt Busby played for two League clubs during his career. Manchester City was one... can you name the other?

2. David, John or Billy Jack scored the very first goal in a Wembley F.A. Cup Final for Bolton against West Ham in 1923?

3. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of a former Wales international star... HOJN LCRSAEH.

...AND PRESENT

1. Colin Garwood is scoring goals for which Fourth Division club this season?

2. Orient's Ralph Coates or Sheffield United's Martin Peters scored the only and winning goal for Tottenham in the 1973 League Cup Final victory against Norwich City at Wembley?

3. With which club did Birmingham City's Colin Todd begin his League career?

4. Who was the first managerial casualty in the Football League this season?

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LEAGUE CUP

The Second Round first-leg games were played recently. Can you answer the following questions about the ties?

1. Paul Goddard scored his first goal for West Ham in their 2-0 win at Burnley. Did he grab the first or second?

2. Tom Finney or George Reilly was Cambridge's hero with two goals in their 3-1 win against holders Wolves at Abbey Stadium?

3. Southampton beat Watford 2-0, 3-0 or 4-0 at The Dell?

4. Shrewsbury were held 1-1 at home by which First Division club?

TRACE-A-TEAM

The names of 11 present and former Crystal Palace players are spelt out in this frame in straight lines, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally and forwards or backwards. See how many you can spot.

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LEAGUE CUP: 1. First 2. Reilly 3. 4-0 4. Norwich City.
4. Newcastle United boss Bill McGarry.
PRESENT: 1. Aldershot 2. Coates 3. Sunderland.
PAST STARS: 1. Liverpool 2. David 3. John Charles.
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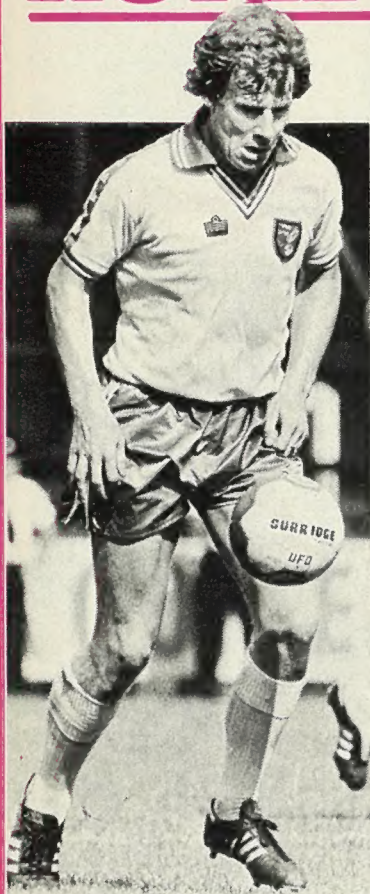
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How wrong they were! Those with an eye for detail will not have failed to notice the similarity with Bond's pre-season signing of Joe Royle.

Like Peters, Royle is a former England international, with a long record of experience behind him.

Peters was 32 when he went to Carrow Road. Royle is a year younger, at 31. And like his predecessor big Joe is only too aware that having passed that mythical 30 barrier, his move is now being looked upon from many quarters as the first step to being put out to grass.

That's why, with a glint in his eye, he told us: "I've really been looking forward to this season. Probably more than I've ever done before. I'm determined to prove the doubters wrong yet again."

"In my opinion, people make far too much of this age business. Okay. I'm the first to admit that I might not be as fast and nimble as I used to be. But there's so much more to football than that."

"Last season, for instance, even with all the talented midfield players around, I still felt Martin Peters, and my old Everton team-mate

Alan Ball, were the two best players in their positions in the country.

"And if I can achieve even half of what Martin did here, then I'm sure the manager will think the £60,000 he spent on me well worthwhile."

Joe makes no bones about the fact that he was delighted to join Norwich, and continue a 16-year career which has never seen him playing outside the First Division.

"Domestically, I was happy at Bristol," he explained. "I was in the process of buying a business in the area."

"But when City made it known they were prepared to listen to offers for me, and Norwich indicated their interest, I had no hesitation in moving at all."

Talking

"I'd met John Bond while I was on holiday three years ago in Spain. And we'd spent a few nights talking football over a jug of Sangria."

"So I knew what kind of a man he was. His ideas on the game, and how it should be played, were very much in line with my own."

But it did look, for a time at least, that the move to Carrow Road would fall through.

"There was some dispute over the fee. Norwich offered £70,000, which was accepted, but then

learned that Hull City and Burnley, who had also been interested, had been quoted a lower fee of £60,000.

"Understandably, Mr Bond refused to pay the extra just because Norwich are a First Division club, and the deal was put on ice."

"I did speak to Mike Smith the Hull manager, and was very impressed, but the prospect of staying in the top flight for a few more seasons was just too much of a lure to miss."

"Thankfully, City relented, and here I am, with a three-year contract in my pocket."

Throughout his career, with Everton, Manchester City and Bristol City, Royle has continued to score goals, albeit at a steady, rather than spectacular rate. And he sees no reason why he shouldn't continue to hit the target.

"I've never lost confidence in my own ability, even when the goals have been hard to find," said Joe.

"I know it's early days yet," he went on, "but I've got a feeling I might find goalscoring easier here than I did with Bristol."

"John Bond has a reputation as a progressive manager, who is always ready to put the emphasis on attack which, as a striker, has got to be to my benefit."

"And while he's obviously hoping that some of my experience will rub off on young Justin Fashanu, he has made it perfectly clear that he's bought me primarily as a goalscorer in my own right."

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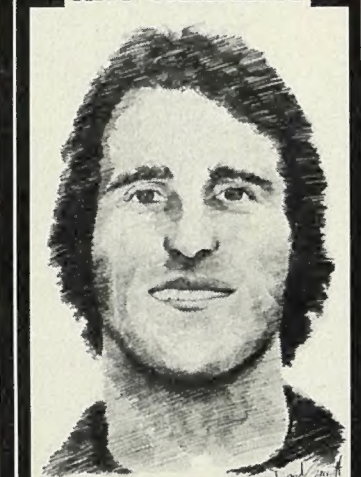
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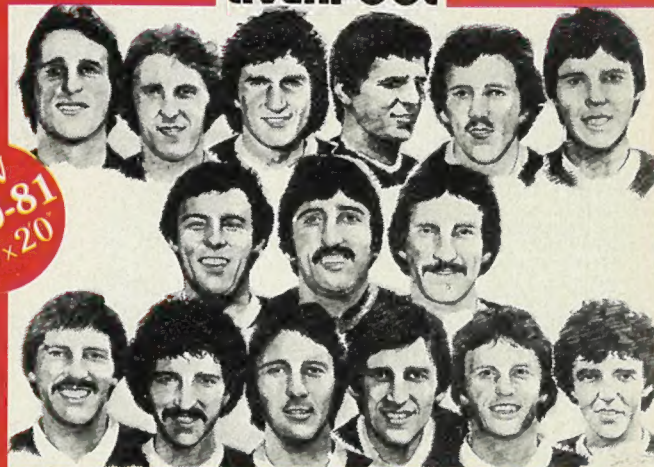


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